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Carter-Begin meeting friendly

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R.) — A critical round of talks between Israel and the United States on Middle East peace opened in an unexpectedly friendly atmosphere Thursday with Prime Minister Menachem Begin saying he was "encouraged" after seeing President Carter.

Despite sharp public differences over the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, the two men said the atmosphere had been "most friendly" during a two-hour private meeting at the White House. The talks resumed Friday.

Begin later told Israeli reporters, "The meeting was very important and very good and took place in an excellent atmosphere. It can be said that it was even encouraging."

"There was not even one difficult moment. I think it was one of the most important talks that I have ever held with the president of the United States."

The remarks signalled a dramatic shift in Begin's tone in the space of just a few hours.

Earlier in the evening, on arrival from Tel Aviv, he said the

talks were in deep crisis and Israel would not be pressed into signing a "sham peace treaty."

But whether this mood would hold up when full-fledged talks got under way with delegations later Friday remained to be seen.

On senior American official familiar with Begin was not sure there would be any reconciliation.

In a joint statement afterwards Carter and Begin said it had been a "useful prelude" to extensive talks they would have over the next few days, leaving the impression their discussions were open-ended.

The meeting takes the place of a modified summit proposed by Carter in which he, Begin and Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil would have met at Camp David. But the Israeli cabinet rejected the suggestion and instead agreed to the Begin-Carter talks.

The president has said that after his meeting with Begin he will consider whether to ask President Anwar Sadat or Khalil to join.



HUNGER STRIKE : Iranians sitting in hall for departure flight to Tehran. They are part of 120 Iranians on hunger strike since Saturday to force their departure. A total of 220 Iranians wait in Frankfurt airport for a flight facility. (AP wirephoto)

Khomeini bans frozen meat

'Western corruption must go'

TEHRAN, March 2, (R.) — Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini says "Western corruption" must be removed from Iran.

After a triumphal return Thursday to the holy city of Qom, where he first made his name as a fiery anti-Shah preacher in the 1950s, the Ayatollah laid down in his most categorical terms yet how he sees the future of Iran as an Islamic republic.

Saying Iran's plight was due to the Western models it had been following, the Ayatollah declared:

"We will put an end to Westernization. All the corrupt practices of the West, however, must be eliminated. All the corrupting forces of the West must go."

He said radio, television, press and cinema will take on an exclusively Islamic tone.

The Ayatollah was on his first visit to Qom since he returned from exile to lead the revolution that ousted the Shah.

The Ayatollah told his followers that if they believed in Islam, they should vote for an Islamic republic in the referendum due on March 30.

The anti-Western character of the Iranian revolution struck forcefully home, with reports of the capture by revolutionary guerrillas of an American cave-dropping post near the Iran-Soviet border.

But in Washington, the U.S. State Department flatly denied that the monitoring base had been captured by guerrillas.

There was no word on the outcome of talks between U.S. Ambassador William Sullivan and Iranian Foreign Minister Karim Sanjabi on the incident, which followed assault on the American embassy here last month and the evacuation of all but a few hundred U.S. residents.

In Tehran, thousands of supporters of the Marxist Fedayeen-e-Khalq movement, the most prominent militant leftist group, criticized the provisional government's plans to rebuild the Shah's armed forces into a new Islamic national army.

"Repentance of senior army officials is a new trick," their banners read at a rally in



SURVIVAL IN THE SUN : A squirrel finds some nuts from a nearly-buried fir tree 10,000 feet up in the Blackfoot range to the Teton mountains, near Targhee, Wyoming, recently. Winter blizzards have encrusted the tree with ice and snow, and the creature has survived the arctic conditions by living deep under crust until the sun emerged to warm him up. A high altitude tourist skier spotted it while crossing the ridge. (AP wirephoto)

'Maariv' says :

Israel to pay Haddad's militia

TEL AVIV, March 2, (AP) — Israel has decided to start paying the salaries of the Israeli-backed militia of Maj. Saad Haddad in southern Lebanon, the newspaper "Maariv" reported Friday.

According to the newspaper, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman informed Haddad that Israel would assume the payments which the Beirut government halted last month. "Maariv" said the payments would amount to 50 million Israeli pounds a year, the current equivalent of \$2.5 million.

The Israeli Defense Ministry would not comment on the report.

Israel has provided support to Haddad's forces in southern Lebanon for more than two years in an effort to prevent the border area from "being taken over" by Palestinian commandos.

Haddad told reporters who toured the area last month that his force was the only one in Lebanon that has remained true to the idea of an independent

Lebanon claiming that Syria dominated the Beirut government.

Haddad's headquarters is in Marjayoun, five miles north of the Israeli border. There are some 5,800 U.N. soldiers in the 15-mile-deep strip between the Litani River and Haddad's forces.

The United Nations troops moved in after Israeli invasion forces withdrew last June, but Israel turned the border area over to Haddad rather than to the United Nations.

West agrees to limit consumption of crude oil

Goal is 5 per cent reduction

PARIS, March 2 (Agencies) — The United States and 19 other leading industrial nations have agreed to reduce oil consumption by 5 per cent to offset the drop in Iranian oil production, the International Energy Agency (IEA) announced here Friday.

The IEA's 20 members agreed unanimously on the need to take "firm, prompt and coordinated action," IEA chairman Niels Erbsoll of Denmark told a press conference after a two-day meeting.

Erbsoll said the oil supply situation required prompt action, but that it had not reached the point at which the organization's mandatory emergency sharing scheme would have to be implemented.

"It is vital for action to be taken now when there is still time and in order to prevent a deterioration of the situation," Erbsoll said.

The IEA left it to individual countries to implement the 5 per cent reduction.

The IEA membership, which rose to 20 on Thursday with the admission of Australia, includes all the leading non-communist industrialized nations except France.

The planned 5 per cent reduction, compared with an estimated 4 per cent shortfall because of the Iranian cutoff, which has been compensated in part by increased production by other Gulf states, and use of stockpiles

in consumer nations.

Erbsoll said the IEA had also informed the major international oil companies on the need for a fair distribution of available supplies to all members as well as to non-IEA members and especially to developing nations.

In Washington, meanwhile, it was reported Friday that world oil shortages in the first quarter of 1979 should be about 240,000 barrels a day.

According to the report by the U.S. Library of Congress, this is about a tenth of the shortage predicted by the U.S. Energy Department.

The Energy Department predicted a world oil shortage of at least 2.5 million barrels of oil a

day in the first three months of the year, mainly because of the shutdown of oil production in Iran.

Iran had been producing over five million barrels a day until oil fields were shut down by political turmoil in December. Iranian officials have said exports will resume next week, but they have not said how much oil will be produced.

The report said the loss of oil from Iran during the first quarter could almost be offset by increased production. It said the Energy Department was overestimating world demand for oil.

Meanwhile, Venezuela has decided not to raise crude oil export contract prices at least until April 1, President Carlos Andrs Perez said Friday.

In border fighting

Ceasefire accepted

BAGHDAD, March 2, (Agencies) — North and South Yemen have agreed to a ceasefire in their border war from 0600 GMT Saturday, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency said it had learned leaders of the two countries accepted the ceasefire after joint mediation by Syria and Iraq.

It added that the Yemen leaders had agreed to consider special arrangements dealing with the withdrawal of troops from the border region at an Arab League emergency meeting in Kuwait on Sunday.

The mediation efforts were conducted by the Syrian deputy Premier for economic affairs, Jamil Shayya, and Iraqi Planning Minister Adnan Hussein, the agency said.

The two men carried a joint message from Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Bakr and Syrian President Hafez Assad to the presidents of the two Yemens, it added.

A protracted political feud between South Yemen and its northern neighbor erupted into fighting a week ago. The two sides accused each other of launching border attacks.

South Yemen has claimed the

fighting was between North Yemeni government troops and North Yemeni nationalists opposed to the government in Sanaa.

North Yemen said on Wednesday that South Yemeni forces had captured three of its border towns — Gaataba, Noryes and Harib — and that repeated attacks on one North Yemeni provincial capital, al-Baida, had been repulsed.

Saudi Arabia, attempting to mediate in the dispute, offered a four-point peace plan to the two sides on Tuesday, including an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of border forces.

Shayya, and Hussein carried a joint message from Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Bakr and Syrian President Hafez Assad to South Yemeni President Abdul Fatah Ismail.

The South-Yemeni statement said that while the government sent delegations to Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, to try to contain the problem and create stability, "pre-conditions are sprung upon us by Saudi Arabia which could only aggravate the situation."

A South-Yemeni statement said it was prepared to respond to any Arab mediation effort and to attend the Arab League emergency meeting in Kuwait on Sunday.

The league meeting was originally called for by North Yemen and South Yemen promptly agreed to attend.

There were no reports Thursday of any fighting.

In Saudi Arabia, the government continued its diplomatic contacts with other Arab governments.

North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh has sent a message to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid explaining the situation between his country and South Yemen, the Algerie Presse Service news agency reported.

The agency also said Boualem Bessaych, Algerian ambassador to Kuwait, flew to Aden Thursday to deliver a message from President Benjedid to the leaders of South Yemen.

In London Britain expressed concern over the fighting and (Continued on back page)

King visits Jeddah today

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — King Khalid was due to arrive in Jeddah Saturday afternoon for a several-day visit to the Western Province.

While there the King will open the second stage of the desalination plant in Jeddah.

Abeidi replaces Qaddafi

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has given up his post as secretary-general of a top ruling body, the General People's Congress, the Jamahiriya News Agency said.

The move, part of a series of changes which the agency said aimed at distributing power more widely among the people, apparently means that Qaddafi will continue as de facto head of state.

The five-man congress secretariat took over from the disbanded Revolutionary Command Council in 1977. The council, headed by Qaddafi, had run the country since King Idris was overthrown in a coup in 1969.

The agency Friday said the new secretary-general is Abdel-Azi Abeidi, previously first secretary of the larger General People's Committee, which acts as a cabinet.

The changes were made at a special session of the congress, which got under way in Tripoli Thursday. A new secretariat and congress would also be chosen, the agency said.



Col. Qaddafi

The agency said that the intention was "incitement of the masses to exercise authority and urge them to consolidate the people's authority to achieve the new socialist society."

Naf's killer pleads guilty

LONDON, March 2, (R) — An Arab accused of murdering a former prime minister of Iraq in London changed his plea to guilty Friday on the fourth day of his trial.

Salem Ahmad Hassan, 26, is (Continued on back page)

Cubans pull out, Eritrea aide says

ROME, March 2 (R) — All Cuban forces have been pulled out of Eritrea but some 2,000 Soviet soldiers and advisers remain, an Eritrean guerrilla spokesman said Friday.

Amdemichael Kahsai, of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), told a press conference the Cubans had been transferred to Ethiopia's southern Ogaden Desert about a month ago following a new upsurge of fighting there.

He said Eritrea, which has been struggling for freedom from Ethiopia for the past 18 years, was now garrisoned by 120,000 Ethiopian troops, many of them conscripted peasant militia.

Amdemichael admitted that the Soviet-directed Ethiopians now held all major towns in the region but strongly denied that the resistance was ended.

In London the Ethiopian embassy categorically dismissed "the allegation levelled against its government by a so-called EPLF spokesman in Rome that there existed some 2,000 Soviet troops in the northern administrative region of Ethiopia."

The embassy in a press statement described the allegation as "absurd and malicious."

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5th in Kingdom

UPM to host conference on computers, March 20

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, March 2 — The University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran will hold the Kingdom's fifth conference on computers, science March 20 through 27, the university has announced.

The conference, whose theme is 'learning from experience', will review developments in computing since the introduction of computers in Saudi Arabia.

The conference will examine new ideas and techniques in such areas as staffing, stand-

ards and procedures, hardware and software and training programs.

Other areas to be covered are new applications for computers in Saudi Arabia and specific problems related to the use of Arabic in computing.

There will also be an exhibition of computer products at the conference, with special emphasis on the use of computers in teaching and training.

The university said it regarded the conference as of particular significance since UPM

colled for and hosted the first National Computer Conference in November 1974.

The first conference was designed to develop communication between individuals and organizations using computers in Saudi Arabia as a step toward the creation of a national computer society to promote the science.

Since then, conferences have been held annually at Saudi universities and at the Institute of Public Administration in Riyadh, which held the second conference on standards and manpower development. King Abdul Aziz University held the third—on computers and development in Saudi Arabia—and the fourth was hosted by Riyadh University. The theme at Riyadh was computers in the service of Saudi Arabia.

The university is now taking registration for the conference.

Administrative conference SPA adds: The first-ever conference on the administrative development organized by the Ministry of Education, begins in Jeddah Saturday.

Now regulations as well as the relation between ministries and local administrative bodies will be the subject of discussion during the meetings. The conference is also to consider new methods to improve and develop administration.

The week-long conference will be attended by the representatives of various ministries and the directorates of Education in the Kingdom.

Two Pakistan ministers arrive

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Pakistan's minister of foreign affairs Agwa Shaukat, and Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq arrived here Friday evening on a short visit.



ULEMA: Prominent Saudi ulama and academics — including university rectors, second row — attended Wednesday evening's award of the King Faisal Prizes for services to Islam and Islamic culture at King Faisal Conference hall in Riyadh.

Islamic U aids foreign students

MEDINA, March 2 (SPA) — The Islamic University in Medina will cover the expenses of foreign students' holiday trips abroad this summer, and will keep on paying their grants

during their vacations.

The decisions were taken Thursday at a meeting of the university's supreme board chaired by Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah bin Baz, the

acting rector.

The board also decided to open new sections at the higher studies department as well as a Shari'a College in Lahore.

SR2.5m on repairs

Three Medina dams well under way

MEDINA, March 2 (SPA) — The Directorate of Agriculture and Water here is constructing three dams in this area: Qatib Dam at a cost of SR 22 million, Tereb Dam (SR 15 million).

The Directorate said that SR 2.5 million had been spent

on repairing Habis Dam in Khair and Habb.

The Directorate has set up a special center for dams, as the area supports extensive palm cultivation.

It has also established a hydrological office manned by young Saudis and linking me-

teorological stations at Medina, Monakrya, Ula, and Qayma and rainfall measuring stations.

The Directorate gave SR 10 million to farmers in 1977 as subsidies for livestock breeding. In 1976 it gave SR 5 million. Another SR 9 million was spent in 1976, 1977 and 1978 as subsidies for grapes.

Saudi-French talks cover resumed rich-poor meeting

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Sulaiman A. Sulaim, now on a visit to France, has said that the French government has raised the question of a revival of the North-South dialogue during talks in Paris. "Al-Jazira" reported Friday.

The conference in Paris of representatives of industrial and developing countries broke down last year over ques-

tions of security for Third World commodity producers.

Sulaim also said that agreement had been reached on coordination and consultation between Saudi Arabia and France prior to the meeting of the two groups at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) next May in the Philippines.

Sheikh Tabishi, former cabinet chief, is dead

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman led the mourners at the funeral of Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Tabishi here Friday.

Tabishi was one of the original companions of King Abdul Aziz and had been chief of the Royal Cabinet during the late King's era.

Both King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd have sent messages of condolence to the bereaved family.

Nazer, Miteb

Seoul minister arrives today to see planners

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — The South Korean vice-president for economic affairs arrived here Saturday on an official visit at the invitation of Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

During the visit, which is expected to last several days, he will also meet Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, Sheikh Hisham and a number of other top officials in the economic sector.

He is also scheduled to visit some establishments in Riyadh and Jeddah and the industrial complex at Jubail.

And Chinese Minister of State Koh Tung-li arrives in Jeddah Sunday on a visit lasting several days.

Koh, who is also a member of his country's National Se-

curity Council, will be in Riyadh Monday to hold meetings with the ministers of Finance and national economy, industry and electricity and agriculture and water.

His itinerary also includes a visit to Jeddah where he is scheduled to inspect some Ministry of the Interior facilities.

He will be guest of Interior Minister Prince Naif.

In Jeddah, Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Yu-chi finance and national economy over the level of trade relations between China and the Kingdom.

Opening the Chinese Trade Fair Wednesday, he said trade had increased 40 times during the past seven years, and he was confident about the future.

Pakistani pilgrimage panel sits

LAHORE, March 2 (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Riad Al-Khatib last Wednesday presided over the first session of the Hajj Conference to coordinate efforts to facilitate the Pilgrimage. The conference was opened by President Zia-ul-Haq, who spoke of the significance of the Pilgrimage in reinforcing the spirit of Islamic solidarity. Minister of Religious Affairs Iftikhar Ahmed Ansari referred to the preparations made by the Saudi government for each pilgrimage. He commended the efforts made.

Factory prize-giving set March 17

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will officiate March 17 at the ceremony which the Industrial Studies and Development Center will distribute awards to winning factories in the 1978 contest for the Ideal Factory. They are the King Khaled Prize, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity Prize and the Industrial Studies and Development Center Prize. The judges were looking for industrial safety and maintenance, quality of production, training, marketing and labor services.

Hoss sees Saudi aide on Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 2 (SPA) — Lebanese Premier Dr. Salim Al-Hoss received Saudi Charge d'Affaires Abu Bakr Rafi here Thursday to discuss the premier's forthcoming tour to consult Gulf leaders on the situation in South Lebanon and Israeli transgression over enforcement of Security Council resolutions.



AT THE RACES: Two National Guardsmen keep a watchful eye on the crowd at a Riyadh camel race last season. Saudi television also sweeps the stands where many of the world's nations are represented. The occasion was the last race of the year. The King and several members of the Royal Family, including Prince Abdullah, occupied the Royal Box. Many of the riders came from the outer reaches of the Kingdom, several from the southern tribes.

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- T Extra modern cabinetry
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- T Laundry room facility
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Zia won't save Bhutto if last legal appeal fails

LAHORE, March 2 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Zia-ul-Haq has hinted that he will not save ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from the gallows if his last legal appeal fails.

"I see no justification why a head of state should come to a thing contrary to what has been decided by the courts," Gen. Zia told a press conference Thursday.

He also said he alone would rule on any clemency appeal — and apparent reversal of his statement to the American CBS television network 11 days ago that Pakistan's military and civilian leadership would take a collective decision.

"It is my privilege and my privilege alone whether I accept it or reject it," he said.

The Supreme Court three weeks ago rejected Bhutto's appeal against his death sen-



Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

tence for ordering the murder of a political enemy.

Now the court is considering a petition for his lawyers challenging its 4-3 split decision on grounds of errors or misinterpretations in the

judgment.

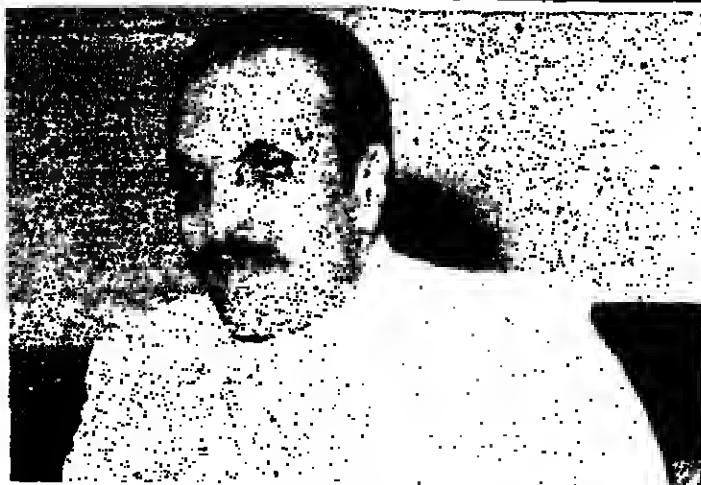
Bhutto has said he would never appeal for clemency but many foreign leaders have pleaded with Zia to spare his life.

The general replied that nearly 400 people had been hanged in Pakistan in the past 18 months and he had received strong recommendations to reprieve them.

"Why consider the case of one person on human considerations and why not of others? Did they not deserve sympathy also?" he asked.

The Bhutto case, he said, had no political implications and no influence on the date of elections.

Zia, who has pledged to hold elections this year, said an election schedule would be announced before mid-August. Only technical arrangements were holding it up.



Gen. Zia-ul-Haq

Qaddafi said mediating to end fighting in south Philippines

MANILA, March 2 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, once accused by President Ferdinand Marcos of bankrolling a Muslim insurrection in southern Philippines, is working hard to put an end to the killing, his ambassador said Friday.

Ambassador Mostafa Dreiza said Qaddafi is "trying hard to pacify" two quarreling "heads of the insurgency and convince them to resume peace talks with Marcos' government."

Manila refuses to negotiate with the rebel Moro National Liberation Front anywhere but in Manila and not unless the MNLF would be represented by a legitimate leader who could enforce any agreement.

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headed by Nur Misuari and Hashim Salamat could be reconciled and come to their senses and start negotiations," Dreiza said in an interview.

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The Marcos government declared last year that Salamat, educated in Cairo, had broken away from the umbrella rebel group.

Turkish minister off to Paris to plead for urgent cash aid

ANKARA, March 2 (R) — Turkish Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu left Friday for Paris to persuade Western governments to provide Turkey's tattered economy with urgent cash aid.

Muezzinoglu is to meet Emile van Lennep, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), who has been coordinating moves to aid Turkey.

The leaders of Britain, the United States, France and West Germany agreed at their Gueloupe summit in January that Turkey required an urgent cash transfusion. But they said such aid would have to have a broader base than from their four countries only.

Other members of the OECD were subsequently reported to be prepared to join in the aid effort but it was not immediately clear to Ankara who Muezzinoglu would meet in Paris, other than Van Lennep.

The Turkish minister was carrying details of a package of austerity measures, due to be announced shortly by the government of Social Democratic Premier Bulent Ecevit, ministry sources said.

Western governments and banks, and particularly the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had been urging such measures before giving Turkey any further cash.

The measures, to be announced by government decree and therefore not requiring parliamentary approval, will concentrate on bringing badly needed foreign exchange into Turkey.

Turkey's trade deficit was more than \$2 billion last year and its external debts totaled around \$12 billion. Inflation is at present about 60 per cent.

The government is believed to be asking the Western states for urgent aid of at least \$1 billion followed by similar annual sums for five years.

Banking sources say the austerity measures will include a two-tier exchange rate system for remittances from Turkish workers abroad.

At present, these workers can get at least 50 per cent more for their Western currency if they cash it there than they would at the official rates here. They therefore tend to keep much of their savings in the countries where they work.

Visit seen boost to exports

Queen concludes 19-day tour

MUSCAT, March 2 (R) — Queen Elizabeth Friday wound up a 19-day tour of Arab states and was due to fly home later in the day.

Press Secretary Michael Shea talked to reporters at the end of a day in the ancient Omani fortress town of Nizwa, where the crowd swept over the barriers and surged round the queen on a royal walkabout.

The Queen had been delighted by lavish Arab hospitality, Shea said.

The visit had been a morale boost to British exporters in an area which last year took nearly \$4 billion worth of British exports — "at a time when British industry has been getting a lot of knocks at home," he said.

The tour began in Kuwait. Then the queen went to Bahrain.

Next came Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter of oil and guardian of the holy places of Islam.

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Arab school started in Washington

By a Staff Reporter Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 2 — If an Arab child hears only English spoken at home and in his school the chances are he knows little of Arabic, which should be his native tongue.

To correct this, a three-hour school on Sunday mornings has been operating in the Washington area for Arab children. There are an estimated 25,000 Arabs in the Washington area. Started last year, the school today has 90 students ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. The students are enrolled in one of four classes learning reading and writing in Arabic, and Arabic culture and history.

The school has three grades not four classes: two classes at grade one, one class at grade two and another class combining grades three and four. The children enrolled in the first grade do not speak Arabic and those in grades three/four speak some Arabic.

The teachers are all Arabs and the books they use are from the Arab world. The school is supported by funds from the Arab Information Center.

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Property claims settled

U.S. embassy opens doors in Peking

PEKING, March 2 (Agencies)—The first U.S. embassy to exist on the Chinese mainland for nearly 30 years opened its doors Thursday to the bang of exploding firecrackers and the pop of Coca-Cola cans.

A faded, tattered Stars and Stripes was lowered and replaced by a new American flag over the embassy compound, symbolizing the change in relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

China agreed Friday to pay \$80.9 million in cash and in record time to settle U.S. claims for property seized by the Communists when they took over the mainland in 1949.

With the U.S. claims totaling \$196.3 million China will pay 41 cents on the dollar, the same basis on which most other communist governments have dealt with the United States.

Officials said the period of payment — five years — is shortest ever agreed to by a communist government. Most such payments are made over 20 years.

A U.S. official said the next step will be to negotiate a trade agreement with China, which is expected to be accomplished in the next few months.

The United States in exchange for the claims settlement will release \$80.5 million of Chinese bank accounts and other assets in the United States frozen in 1950 in retaliation for the communists' appropriation of U.S. property. American officials said China may be able to recover only \$30 million of this amount, and will get only about \$13 million immediately.

China's payments do not depend on its recovery of

assets in the United States. The first payment, \$30 million, is due Oct. 1 and the remaining \$50.5 million dollars is to be paid in five equal installments before Oct. 1, 1984.

U.S. craft transmits Jupiter space noise

PASADENA, Calif. March 2 (AP)—The far-ranging Voyager 1 spacecraft, which already has produced spectacular pictures of Jupiter, is also transmitting the eerie popping sounds of space.

The sounds heard from 640 million kilometers away are essentially sonic booms that are made by tiny particles racing from Jupiter toward the sun, said Frederick Scarf of TRW Systems, who heads the National Aeronautics and Space Administration mission.

Officials at the jet propulsion laboratory here played recordings of the space noise at a news conference Thursday, as Voyager 1 soared toward Monday morning's close encounter with the Jupiter.

Jupiter and the four largest of its 13 moons form "a mini-solar system," Laurence Soderblom, deputy leader of the Voyager imaging team said. "The thing that's exciting is that they exhibit regular trends which are reminiscent of the solar system as a whole."

For instance, he said the closest of the four large moons, Io, is a rocky, dry world similar to Earth's. Further out, the moons are less dense and at least one seems to be mostly water ice.

In the solar system, Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are rocky and distant planets such as Jupiter seem to be mostly massive balls of gas.

Soderblom spoke as Voyager 1 neared its closest contact with Jupiter. The spacecraft will pass within 172,750 miles

The money will be paid to the U.S. Treasury which will distribute it to individual claimants.

More than half of the \$196.34 million was claimed by

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WASH. A father takes his children away from their flooded home in Channay, Ohio, Feb. 27. The Hocking River flooded the area and closed all roads into the village. In North Carolina, the Haw River also overflowed its banks, stranding some residents of Pittsboro on an island in the raging stream.—(AP photo)

With increased majorities

Tories trounce Labor in local votes

LONDON, March 2 (AP)—The Conservative Party has tumbled the Labor Party in two Parliamentary by-elections.

The results, declared early Friday, showed the Tories retaining both their safe seats of Knutsford and Clitheroe with increased majorities and savings in the voting pattern.

Jack Bruce-Gardyne won Knutsford with 22,086 votes, a swing to the Tories of 13.5 per cent compared with the 1974 general elections. His Liberal, Labor and independent opponents together mustered only 10,816 votes.

Clitheroe was won by David Waddington with 22,185 votes, a swing to the Tories of 9.5 per cent. His Labor and Liberal opponents collected only 11,927.

Voting swings of that size in a national poll would tumble Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labor government out of power. In any case, he must call a general election by next October.

The elections were the first in a year after two months of

strikes and industrial turmoil over the government's curb on pay raises. Some 1.5 million public service workers have

been staging walkouts since January and a nurses' strike is looming.

Bruce-Gardyne, a journalist, had a majority of 16,962 at Knutsford and Waddington, a barrister and businessman, a majority of 12,500 at Clitheroe.

The Knutsford election was brought on by the retirement of John Davies because of illness. He is a former Tory spokesman on foreign affairs and had a majority of 10,426 in 1974.

The Clitheroe poll followed the death of David Weider, who had a majority of 6,868.

Abuse of Power

Waddington said after the result: "Labor voters stayed away. Even their own people have had enough. This is a massive vote of confidence in Margaret Thatcher. People are tired of the abuse of union power."

Both the Thursday elections were in prosperous country market towns, nearly 200 miles from London. Knutsford is in Cheshire and Clitheroe in Lancashire.

Paris ready to help cut weapons in S. America

MEXICO CITY, March 2 (R)—President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, on an official visit to Mexico says France prepared to help limit conventional arms sales in Latin America.

At a dinner in his honor Thursday night, he said was aware of efforts by Mexico and other countries in the region to limit conventional arms sales.

Giscard said France supported such moves, adding, "soon as negotiations between the countries in the region have progressed sufficiently, would be prepared to examine with them and other supplier countries in what we can help to reach an agreement."

Later Friday he was expected to sign the 1967 Tlatelolco Treaty sponsored by Mexico which bans the acquisition, stock-piling and deployment of any nuclear arms in Latin America.

France's signature of the treaty is vital because of French Guiana, the last French territory on the Latin American continent.

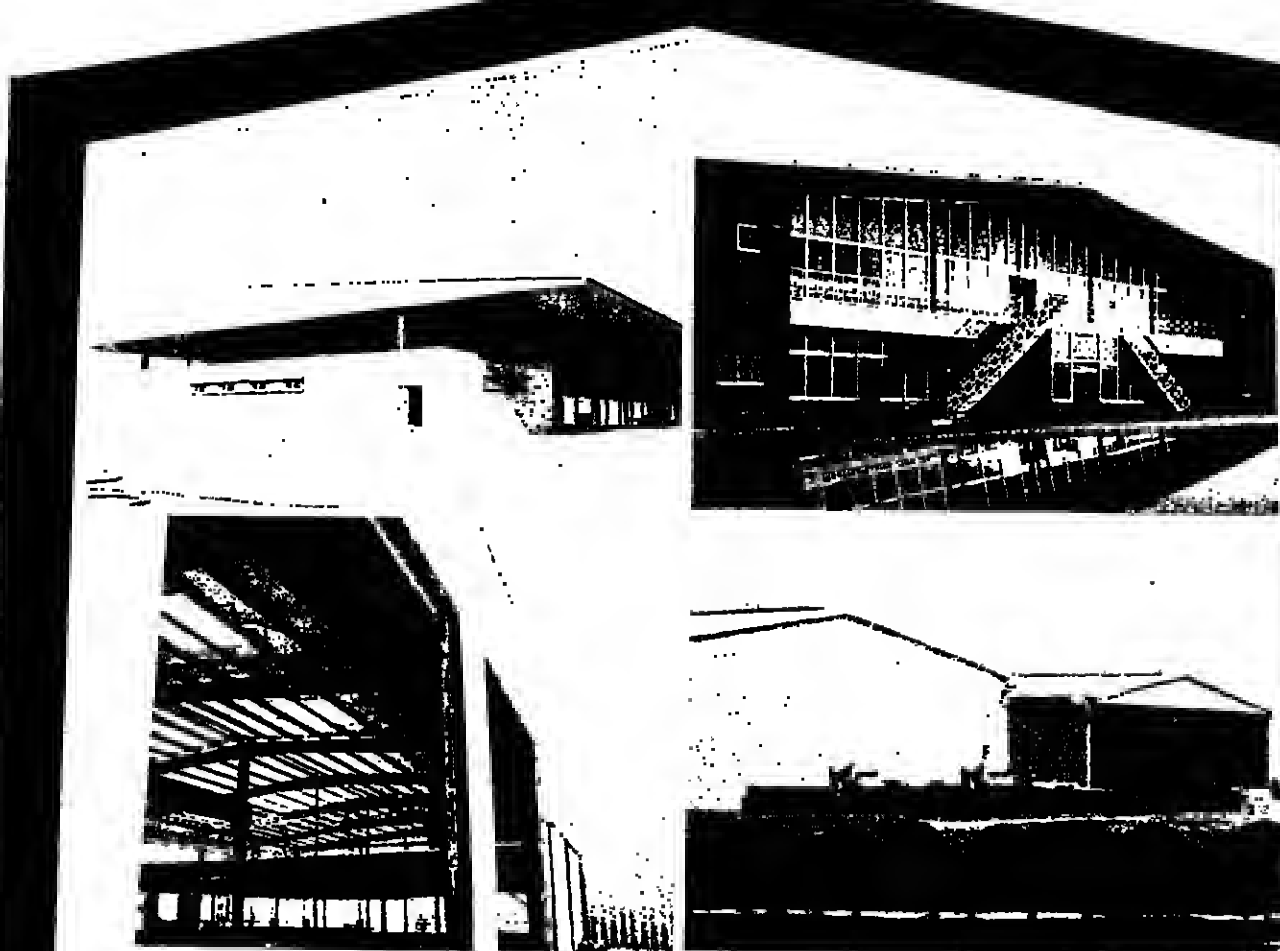
Presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt said later that Giscard in his second round of talks with President Jose Lopez Portillo offered Mexico a credit line of one billion francs (\$220 million).

No details were given but Hunt said an agreement on the credit would be signed Saturday.

Both business and government officials said French investment and technology were warmly welcome in a massive program of industrial expansion that Mexico has launched.

The program calls for a huge expansion of the country's industrial base, transportation, petrochemical production and steelmaking for the next 10 years at an estimated total cost of \$7 billion to \$10 billion, financed by petrodollars.

Recent large finds of petroleum and natural gas are turning Mexico into a leading oil nation.



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Suarez holds on to majority in Spanish election

MADRID, March 2 (R) — The ruling Centrists beat the opposition Socialists in Spain's second general election since the death of Gen. Francisco Franco, but the result made little difference to the big party power balance.

Interior Minister Adolfo Martin Villa, quoting early Friday from "almost definitive" results, said the Democratic Center Union (UCD) party of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez had 170 seats in the Cortes, the vital lower house of parliament, against about 116 for the Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE).

The percentage share of the vote, 34.6 for UCD and the 29.8 for the PSOE was almost identical to the result of the June 1977 general election, Spain's first free ballot since the 1936-39 Civil War.

Martin Villa put the Communist Party in third place with 25 seats, ahead of the moderate Catalao Nationalists on 10. The conservative Democratic Coalition (SD) and the moderate Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) both had eight.

Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez said he thought the formal results would show that his party and the UCD were virtually neck and neck.

"But if the UCD has obtained the results Mr. Martin Villa says it has, then it must govern and we shall continue in opposition."

The Interior Minister's figure for UCD seats would put the Centrist Party six short of an absolute majority.

In the last elections it was 10 short but managed to govern with the tacit support of the Socialists and Communists.

Socialist support disappeared with the passage into law of Spain's new democratic constitution which replaced the authoritarian dictates of Franco. The constitution came into effect at the end of December, three years after Franco's death.

The result of the vote, in which an estimated 31 per cent of the 26 million electorate abstained, poses the question of whether the UCD can continue to govern alone or whether it will have to form a coalition.

UCD officials said before the election that if they obtained upwards of 150 seats, they would seek parliamentary deals with one or other of the nationalist groups to push through legislation.

But the vote showed that this might not be too easy. Both the moderate Basque and Catalan parties held their own, gaining a total of 18 seats, according to Martin Villa's estimation.

But what was new was the impressive showing of the far-left Basque Nationalists, who were expected to win four seats.

Three of these went to Herri Batasuna — Union of the People in the Basque language—a party backed by the Basque terrorist organization ETA.

Dutch refuse to release Nazis after 33 years jail

THE HAGUE, March 2 (R) — The Dutch government has rejected a call for the release of three German war criminals who have spent more than 33 years in prison.

The three former Nazis, Jo-Kohella and Ferdinand der Fonten, both 69, and Franz Fischer, 76, were originally sentenced to death for war crimes at the end of World War II. Their sentences were later commuted to imprisonment.

Prof. Isaac Deopontorst, a socialist Democrat member of the upper house, said in a letter to Justice Minister Ja-b de Ruiter that detention is purpose when those punished become old, showed total decline and were no longer able to converse properly.

In a written reply, de Rui-

ter said he agreed that continued detention no longer served any legal objective, but "apart from the juridical factor, socio-psychological factors must weigh heavily in forming an opinion."

Hong Kong asserts ship taking refugees for cash

HONG KONG, March 2 (AP) — A Panamanian-registered freighter is believed to be proceeding to Vietnamese waters to pick up "fare paying passengers" and heading for this colony, the government said Friday.

Government sources identified the ship as Lucky Dragon. It left Singapore Monday with Hong Kong as its next port of call.



MADRID: Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez raises arms with a victory sign acknowledging the cheers of supporters at an election campaign meeting Tuesday. Friday it appeared certain that his Center Democratic Union would emerge victorious from the voting Thursday. — (AP photo)

Pre-election offensive

Rhodesia strikes across border

SALISBURY, March 2 (R) — Rhodesia pressing ahead with its pre-election military offensive against guerrillas, has sent warplanes into a third black African country in six days.

The air force Thursday bombed guerrilla installations 250 kilometers inside Mozambique at a Frelimo regular army camp on the Zambezi River border with Malawi, military headquarters said.

"Only these selected buildings were attacked," a communiqué said. "All aircraft returned safely to base."

Rhodesian planes raided alleged guerrilla targets in Zambia Feb. 23 and deep inside Angola three days later. These attacks had been preceded by other bombing missions into Zambia and Mozambique Feb. 17 and 19. At least 200 people have been reported killed and more than 1,000 wounded.

African members of the United Nations Wednesday called for a meeting of the Security Council to consider the Rhodesian situation. It was scheduled for Friday afternoon.

The raids were seen here as pre-emptive strikes against an expected assault by Patriotic Front guerrillas on one-man-

one-vote elections planned for next month.

While the Rhodesians were striking outside the country, the guerrillas maintained their attacks within.

Military headquarters announced the deaths in the previous 24 hours of five members of the security forces, two black civilians, 19 insurgents

and four collaborators and recruits.

Guerrillas kidnapped white farmer Frederick Nel, 54, on Feb. 24, a communiqué said.

Nel was a divisional chairman of Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front Party before he broke away to lead the short-lived extreme rightist Rhodesian National Party.

Garrison joining invaders

Ugandan army revolt reported

NAIROBI, March 2 (R) — Fighting was reported Friday in the big eastern Ugandan town of Tororo and refugees said it had been taken over by troops rebelling against President Idi Amin.

It was the first reported outbreak of fighting outside the southwestern region of Uganda, where an invasion force seeking to depose Amin has occupied a wide swathe of land.

Ugandan exiles in Nairobi said Tororo, a few kilometers from the Kenyan border, had been occupied by units of the Air and Seaborne Battalion based there, which decided Tuesday to join other rebellious military units.

Residents in the regional center of Mbale said refugees from Tororo had been fleeing northwards to Mbale.

A senior nurse at Mbale Hospital said that dozens of injured people—many gunshot wounds—had arrived at the hospital this morning. One had died, apparently from gunshot wounds.

One Ugandan exile gave a statement which he said was from the Tororo battalion. It said the battalion's officers and men had decided Thursday "to join the masses of the people

in Uganda in the struggle against the tyrannical regime of Idi Amin."

"We have taken immediate action. Tororo town and the surrounding area are now under our control."

The statement also urged former President Milton Obote, now living in exile in Tanzania, "to come back and lead the people."

Also Thursday, exiles in Nairobi said the Tanzanian invasion force thrusting into Uganda had divided into two spearhead groups, with the aim of attacking Kampala and preventing Amin from bringing

in reinforcements from the north.

There was no immediate indication of whether the two-pronged assault had got under way.

The invasion force, including Ugandan insurgents backed by Tanzanian troops and artillery, is reported to have seized an area stretching more than 96 kilometers from the border.

Although no independent observers have been able to report from the war zone, the situation is undoubtedly serious, and the biggest threat to Amin's eight year rule.

South Africa police fire on children, killing one

DURBAN, March 2 (R) — Police reported they had opened fire on a stone-throwing crowd of black schoolchildren Thursday, killing a youth and wounding another.

It was the second shooting incident in three days around Kwamakutha high school, just outside Durban, where student demonstrations have halted classes and forced the principal to resign.

Durban's police chief said

two of his men fired to disperse the 50-strong crowd when it left Singapore Monday with stones near Kwamakutha high school, just outside the city.

Two youths were hit. One died later in hospital, but the other was reported to be only slightly wounded.

On Tuesday, three pupils of the school were slightly hurt by ricochets when police fired warning shots.

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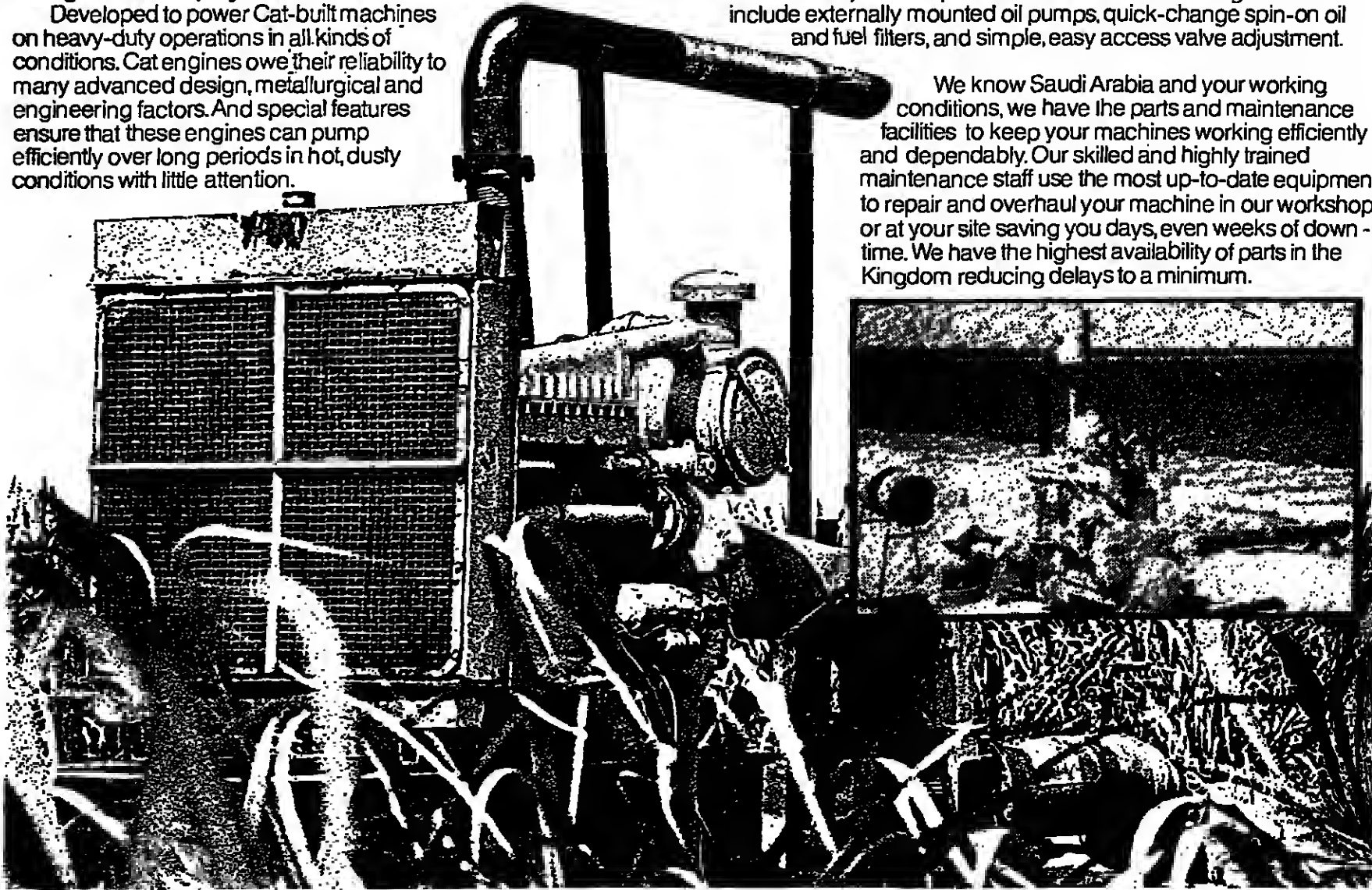
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LIBERTY DESERVED

It was saddening but not surprising to learn that Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan offered his resignation to Ayatollah Khomeini twice last week. Any prime minister faced with such chaos would have done the same.

As well as facing the anarchy Communists and arch-conservatives are encouraging, Bazargan is at loggerheads with Khomeini over the constitution of the future Islamic republic.

No one seems to know enough about that vision. Would the Islamic republic allow the political and social liberties and the kind of democracy the people want? It must not be forgotten that the Shah's regime was hated exactly because it and freedom were mutually exclusive.

Bazargan has said that he wants to introduce a full parliamentary democracy within the framework of an Islamic republic. He wants to preserve the purity of Islam and cast off the trappings of Westernization that the Ayatollah sees as synonymous with depravity.

The people of Iran deserve all the liberty they want. We believe that Islam, despite the slurs of its enemies, will nurture the flower of democracy into splendid growth.

But there are pitfalls. These are already visible in the activities of the Tudeh Communist Party and the Fedayeen-e-Khalq. They could not possibly want Islamic revivalism in the country simply because Islam and Communism are poles apart.

Tudeh's declarations that it supports the Khomeini movement are short-term tactics, and he knows it. They are biding their time until they have succeeded in subverting and destroying the armed forces that they can challenge his moral authority and confront him head on in the streets.

That is why they are demanding the dismantling of the army and the creation of a so-called revolutionary force in which officers would be elected by the mob. They should try that in the Soviet Union.

Another danger lurks in the misguided zeal of the extreme rightists. Their intense hatred for the old regime and the past in general has blinded them to the exigencies of the present and future.

With the army demoralized and the government powerless, it is the Ayatollah who ought to act like the historic leader he is. He should use his still formidable moral authority to strengthen the government and the armed forces in the face of anarchy, to let the people decide later what they want, without duress.

He should act while he is still the unchallenged leader of Iran. The country needs his wisdom and authority now that the euphoria has all but evaporated.

AN ISRAELI CLAW

It was not exactly a secret but now Israel has virtually made it official. The renegade Lebanese army officer, Saad Haddad, will henceforth receive his paychecks from Israel rather than from the government of Lebanon. In return, he and his men will maintain the division of Lebanon with the southern sector effectively under Israeli control. Twenty five years ago South Lebanon would have been called a colony or, at least, a protectorate.

Through traitors and mercenaries like Haddad, Israel intends to perpetuate its colonial rule of the south and prevent the hapless government of Lebanon from uniting the country by establishing a military presence all over its territory. At the same time Israel is flouting United Nations resolutions, disdainfully ignoring the United Nations, forces in the country and appears to be serenely confident that nobody can dislodge it from its positions.

Meantime, the Arab Deterrent Force which entered the country to end the civil war and the Palestinian-Rightsist clashes, is woefully incapable of fulfilling its mission because Israel does not want it to do so. The big powers, particularly the United States are either powerless to do anything about it, or perhaps happy with the present state of affairs in that part of the Arab world. With southern Lebanon effectively occupied, either directly, or indirectly through the surrogate Haddad, large areas of four Arab countries — not counting the fifth, Palestine — are now under Israeli colonial rule. If there are any Arabs still deluding themselves by thinking there can be a peaceful settlement in the region, it is high time they joined those who have no faith in Israeli sincerity or in that of its friends.

Haddad told reporters who toured the area last month that his force was the only one in Lebanon that had remained true to the idea of an independent Lebanon and that Syria dominated the Beirut government. This was one of the most sordid statements ever made even by a foreign lackey like this man. He claims to have preserved the independence of Lebanon by handing over the southern region to Israel as a piece of colonial property to spite the Syrians. He must know that it was the Syrian expeditionary force that saved his country from one of the bloodiest civil wars of the century. He and many of the Christian rightists would have been wiped out by the Palestinians and their allies, had not the Syrians intervened in the nick of time to save their necks.

If anything, the Syrians were blamed at the time for being too harsh on the Palestinians and the Muslims, and too lenient with the Christians and other rightists. But the Syrians were cheated. As soon as they neutralized the Palestinians, the Christians and other rightists regrouped to face them and Haddad became a turncoat to gain Israeli support even in an imperialist form.

Haddad has already made two mistakes. His first was to betray his country and people by breaking up the Lebanese army. The second was to deliver part of his country to the enemy of all Arabs and Muslims. His third is that he can never come out of the Israeli camp alive.

By Brian Mooney

VALLETTA

As Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff pushes on with his brand of socialism in this tiny Mediterranean island-state, there are murmurs of discontent from some quarters.

The British-educated prime minister has torn this country from its old conservative, Catholic and British roots since he became premier for the second time in 1971. He headed a pre-independence government that resigned in 1958.

Some of the changes pushed through by the 62-year-old premier, occasionally with the use of tough tactics, have not

been universally popular.

The opposition nationalist party, says there are signs that democracy in the country is in danger.

"Mr. Mintoff has done his best to keep up the facade of democratic principles," Nationalist Party leader Eddie Fenech Adami said in a recent interview.

The government rejects these charges as unfounded. "We have changed the face of Malta in education, health and welfare. These are the achievements we have worked for in a free parliament," a spokesman for Mintoff said.

The two sides clashed on the question of democratic freedom in a recent parliamentary debate over a government motion to ban the oppo-

sition newspaper "In Tagħna", from the house for alleged misrepresentation of a speech by the prime minister — on an foot and mouth disease.

Deputy Premier and Justice Minister Joe Cassar moved the motion to ban reporters from the paper for six weeks because he said their version of Dom Mintoff's speech was inaccurate, malicious and was intended to incite and ridicule.

The opposition, which said the paper's report did full justice to the premier's statements, called the proposed ban anti-democratic and an interference in freedom of speech.

When the opposition requested a parliamentary debate on a recent bus strike, the prime minister retorted by accusing the party of incitement, and

the debate was not held.

Such changes and counter-charges have become part of the daily fray in Maltese politics.

Some of the changes, such as those concerning the independence of trade unions and the judiciary and academic freedom, are more serious.

However the heart of the dispute between the two sides appears to derive from the huge difference between Nationalist and Socialist parties on how they want to develop this state, which became independent in 1964.

When Mintoff came to power in 1971, he inherited a position dominated by conservative forces, like the Roman Catholic Church which placed an interdict on his Labor Par-

ty for seven years, and still partly subservient to its former British colonial masters.

Today Malta is a Socialist-run republic with a radical foreign policy. The last British troops, first garrisoned here during the Napoleonic wars, are due to leave by the end of March.

In foreign policy, Mintoff has sought closer ties with Arab and third-world states. In a message to the Ayatollah Khomeini after the collapse of the Shah's government in Iran the premier said "the government and people of Malta rejoice at the victorious outcome of the revolution, which you have ably inspired and led."

The government will also determine the pumber of stu-

dents studying various disciplines, to meet the country's needs and avoid a surplus of unemployed graduates, he explained.

The opposition and so academics say the system is dangerous precedent. "It has made a complete mess of education," the opposition leader said.

Fenech Adami, an emerging young lawyer who took over his party's leadership two years ago, also pointed to another sector where he said democratic principles were being eroded.

He said a government proposal to merge the General Workers' Union with the Labor Party would effectively deprive the country's largest union of its full freedom.

Maltese murmur discontent

A unifying figure in Iran

By John Rogers

TEHRAN

Iran's whirlwind revolution, its main aim of toppling Shah Reza Pahlavi achieved, has entered a transitional phase of uncertainty and continuing political and economic turmoil.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Revolutionary Council and the provisional government of Mehdi Bazargan are trying to bring order to the immense chaos left by months of anti-Shah demonstrations and strikes.

At present Iran is still running on revolutionary fervor alone, with no head of state, no legislature, no organized armed forces and a crippled economy. There is also considerable disagreement between the two groups which brought the revolution about over the future shape of all these essential pillars of the state.

The Shah was ousted in the name of the Islamic republic that Ayatollah Khomeini wants to create, yet Iranians have not been told, even in outline, the form this will take.

In a referendum to be held within the next three weeks, the country's 18 million people of voting age will be asked: "Do you want the monarchy to be replaced by a democratic Islamic republic?"

This is the way the question will be phrased, according to

the ousted young man with an automatic rifle searching his car is "official" or not.

Though an air of surface normality has returned to Tehran after six months of continual turmoil, the hastily rigged sandbag emplacements of the night-watch militia testify to a still-nervous and volatile political atmosphere.

The fear is that social unrest may intensify later this year when the full effects of the dismantling of the Shah's autocratic regime on the economic system which underpinned it become felt.

Business, back in operation after months of paralysis at worst, disruption at best, are counting the cost of the revolution.

Economic analysts fear that many will have to scale down their operations drastically or close, throwing millions out of work. Newspapers say three million are already jobless.

Rapid recovery is complicated by the fundamental political and economic debates unleashed by the revolution as the different groups which played roles in it try to forge the republican future of Iran the way they want it.

Some regard abolition of capitalism as the prime objective, others the installation of capitalism as the prime objective, some are aiming for

the installation of dumb democracy. Others want none of these.

And the vast majority, whose political awareness was only aroused by the revolutionary upsurge of the past few months, will go along with whatever Ayatollah Khomeini wants.

The revolution was socio-economic to some, humanitarian to others, ideological and anti-Western to the militant left, religious to the clergy and a mixture of all these to the man in the street.

Now millions are pinning their faith in the religious strongman to whip things "nearly back into shape. Yet a question remains wide open, "which shape?"

Ayatollah Khomeini is planning to remove himself from the center of the stage this week. He returned to his spiritual home, the holy city of Qom 150 kms (95 miles) south of the capital, to assume an advisory role.

His departure from Tehran, only a month after his triumphant return from 15 years in exile, will leave Dr. Bazargan in charge of the country, along with the "Revolutionary Council", a secret body of the Ayatollah's aides which has often looked like a parallel government in the first two weeks of post-Shah Iran.

In some matters, including

the establishment of Islamic revolutionary courts which have tried and executed eight generals, the "Komiteh", as the Ayatollah's Tehran headquarters has become known, has made the running.

Dr. Bazargan was quoted by newspapers as saying he learned about the first four executions when he read the newspapers hours later.

Dr. Bazargan, a 71-year-old human rights activist and long-time anti-Shah politician, is telling Iranians, in avuncular "fireside chats" on television, that revolutions cannot be followed through overnight.

His government is trying to get Iran back to work, back to some sort of political and economic order in which the referendum can be held, a constituent assembly elected, and the first constitution of the Islamic republic drafted.

Ministers are trying to assert governmental authority.

"If government decisions are not implemented, we will not advance," Assistant Premier Amir Entezam said. "The people have elected Khomeini and he has chosen the government. If we believe in democracy, we must carry out its orders."

The main resistance and most militant voice so far has come from the left, and especially the trained urban guerrilla groups whose street-

fighters played an important role in the "bait" of Tehran.

They want government offices, businesses and factories to be run by elected "workers' councils," and the armed forces disbanded and rebuilt from scratch as a "people's army" with elected officers.

Ayatollah Khomeini has insisted, in strong terms, that unity is the main requirement at present.

The Ayatollah's aides are well placed to stress the Islamic aspect of the republic.

Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat, the first foreign leader to visit post-Shah Iran, has lent his weight to the Ayatollah's side by insisting in a press conference that the Islamic character of the new republic was paramount.

Yet some secular colleagues of Dr. Bazargan in the struggle against the Shah are already seeking themselves to play the role of dissident again.

One told Reuters he could even foresee Dr. Bazargan whose devotion to Islam fired his human rights campaigning, as potentially opposed to the Islamic movement if it usurps the governmental authority he is trying to establish.

"I don't think he knows that he was letting himself in for it," he said. "The opposition remains opposition, and Bazargan may return to opposition too."

saudi press review

Commenting on the situation between the two Yemeni republics "Al-Medina" said that Saudi Arabia will never allow the Arabian Peninsula to turn into an arena for conflict caused by foreign intervention or incitement. For this reason the Kingdom has urged the adversaries to talk instead of fight so the region may be spared further disasters.

The paper said that imperialism has been responsible for many of the catastrophes as it has been in Angola, Mozambique, Vietnam, Cambodia, the

Horn of Africa and Yemen.

"Al-Nadwa" said that the recall of the Saudi troops in Lebanon and the cancellation of all military leaves are consistent with the policy of the government to put out fires and prevent further waste of human life. These moves were taken after intensive consultations with other Arab states to end the war in the Yemen. If the two Yemeni republics have agreed to attend the Arab League Council meeting in Kuwait, the most important next step for them to take will

be the adoption of the Saudi four-point plan. Saudi Arabia will use all its good offices and resources to help them restore peace. This is especially the task of the aggressors, the paper said. If the chance is missed, then Saudi Arabia will not be blamed for taking whatever steps are necessary to defend its existence, interests and prosperity. It will not be responsible for any consequences arising from the actions of aggressors who do not care much for moral principles and supreme Arab interests.

A commentator in "Al-Nadwa" condemned recent statements by foreign officials — which he did not name — to the effect that military force would be used to ensure the continuous flow of oil from the Middle East to the industrialized states of the West, and especially to the United States. This kind of talk, the commentator said, is the kind of thinking that went out with mandates. It is the language of the jungle. The Arab states, led by Saudi Arabia, have proved that they can protect their oil

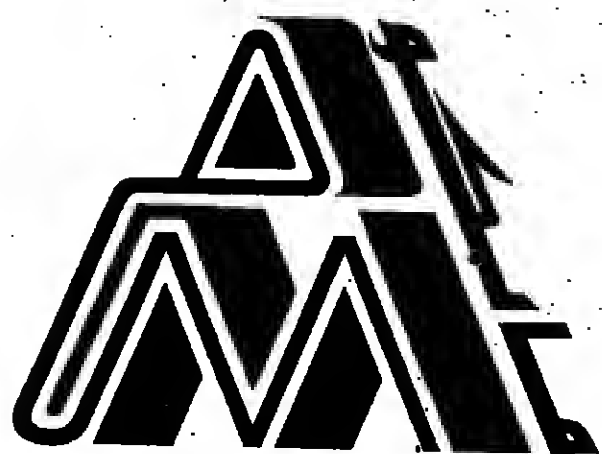
resources and control the flow of oil — or withhold it, as was the case during the 1973 war.

We should deal with these suggestions logically, the commentator said, and argue with advocates of force that their interests are tied more to those of the Arab world than to its enemies. If they want to preserve their interests, they should behave with wisdom and plan their policies prudently in this part of the world. Without a firm realization that they have common interests with the Arabs they

will not be able in the long run to maintain these interests. Nor will threats and arm-twisting help them in dealing with the Arabs, the commentator said.

It is high time, he added, for those who still use the jargon of imperialism to charge their approach and understand that their common interests with 100 million people far outweigh their "interests" with three million Zionists. If they want to ensure the flow of oil, they would be wiser than to threaten military force against us, the commentator said.

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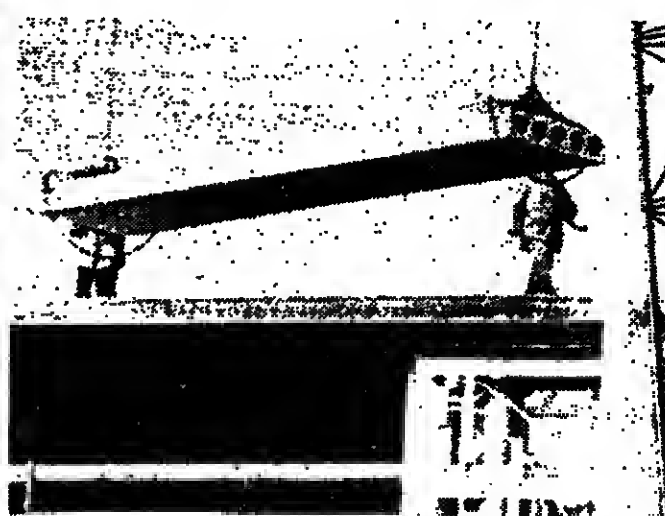
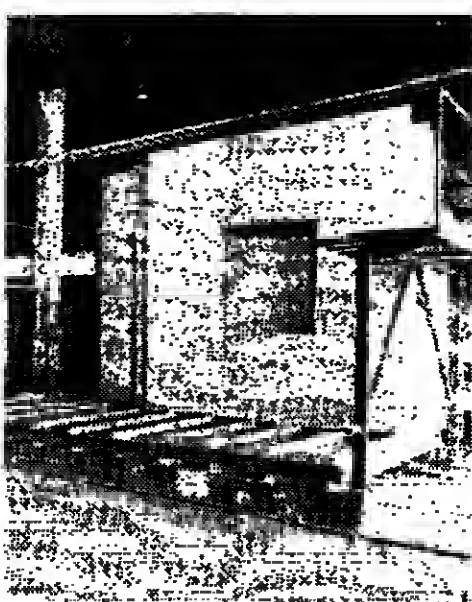
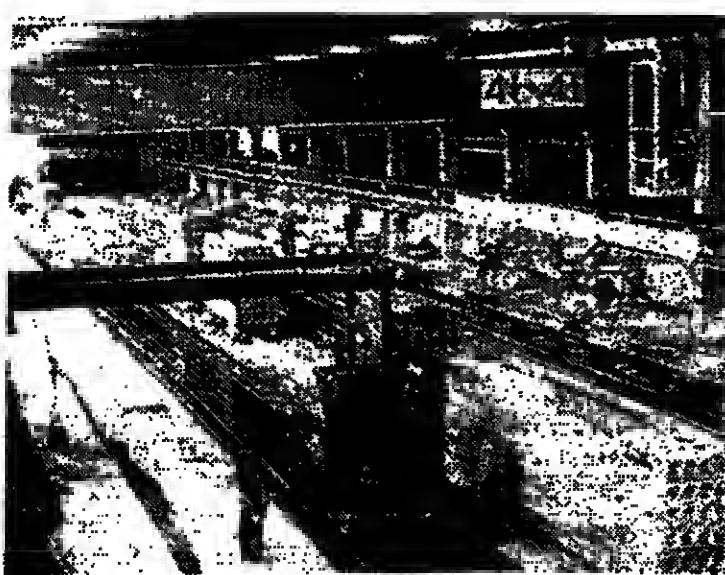
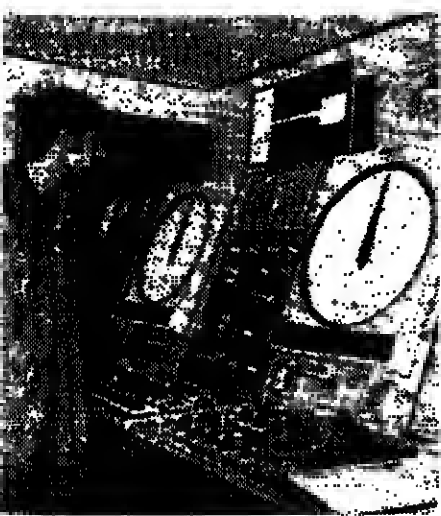
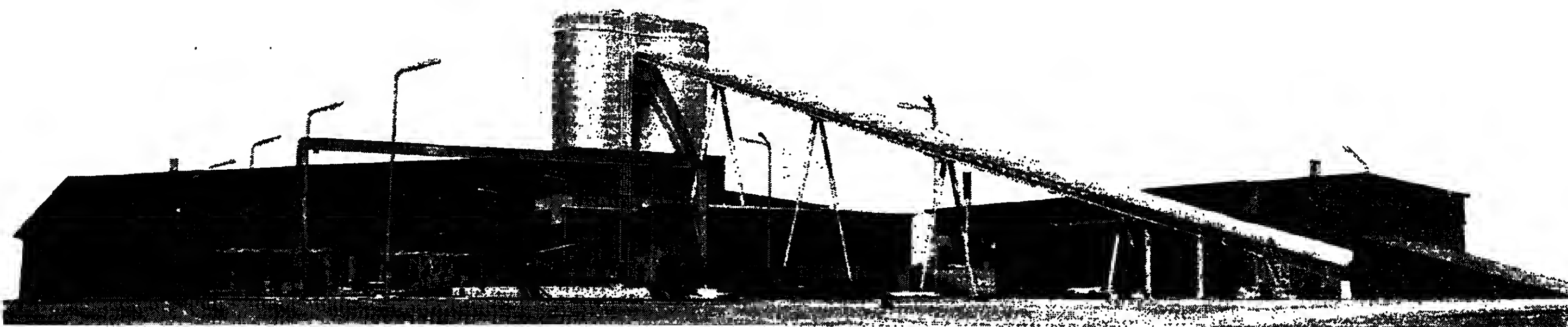
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'Elias': Victim of Israeli torture

From Our Washington Bureau
(Editor's Note: What follows is the personal account of a Palestinian subjected to torture and mistreatment at the hands of Israeli interrogators in 1973. The Palestinian, who identifies himself only as "Elias" to protect family members still living under occupation, told his story to journalists in Washington recently in the context of the media row over Israeli torture practices. "Elias" now lives in the Chicago area, where he is employed as a factory worker.)

I speak as a human being who belongs in the Palestinian people.

As a human being, I would like to talk about what they are doing to human beings in Israel.

I myself had an experience inside an Israeli jail. They tortured me physically. The story of torture began the first day I was arrested.

At one o'clock in the morning, someone knocked at the door. I was already asleep. My sister woke up. She wanted to know who was at the door an hour after midnight.

They told us they were from the Israeli military. So my sister opened the door. Three of them came inside. Our house was surrounded by soldiers.

First they went to my room. They turned it upside-down, the beds and the couches.... They broke some things, in case if there was anything inside them.

Then they went to my brother's room, and did the same thing.

My father asked them: "What the hell is going on? What's the matter?"

They searched the whole house, but didn't find any evidence against us.

Then they told my father they were going to take me for two hours for questioning, and that they would release me after that.

They put me in a Land-Rover and blindfolded me. They took me to some place, I didn't know where I was.

The first night they put me in a cell that was very dirty. The floor was covered with sawdust. I wanted to go to the bathroom, so I knocked on the door, but no one answered me. There was one small window

in the cell, very high up on the wall. The sun was shining through, so I knew it was daytime.

At that point, three soldiers came. They opened the door, blindfolded me again, and took me out and threw me on the floor of a truck. Then they drove me somewhere, I didn't know where.

When they finally took off the blindfold, I looked around, and realized I was in Hebron jail.

It was almost one in the morning when they opened the door of my new cell. A man in civilian clothes came in, and took me to a room.

He took me to a room, where three people were waiting.

He then asked me the first question. He held up a match and asked: "What is this?"

I told him it was a match. He said: "No, it's not a match, it's a tank."

I told him: "No, I can see it, it's a match."

So he started beating me up. He wanted me to say it was a tank.

One of the three men who were watching came from the back of the room and told me: "Take all your clothes."

I tried to resist the order, but he started to beat me up, so I took off my clothes. He grabbed my genitals and began crushing them. It was very, very painful.

Then he said: "Now, tell me what you have to tell." I said: "I don't have anything to tell you. What do I have to tell you?" He said: "Elias, you should talk. You have to talk."

All this took about half an hour. Then they took me back to my cell. But a half hour later they returned and took me for more interrogation.

They brought me to a room where two people were waiting. I had never seen them before.

They introduced themselves. One called himself Abu Abed. I can't remember the other man's name. But both names were fake, I'm sure.

Abu Abed asked me: "Elias, are you ready to talk now?" My answer was: "I don't have anything to say." So he asked me to take off my clothes again. After I undressed, they started beating me on my stomach, my neck and my face. I almost passed out.

They kept asking me to talk, and I kept telling them I didn't know what they wanted me to say.

Up to this point, they were hitting me only with their hands and fists.

Afterwards, they took me back to my cell and I went to sleep. Early next morning, at about eight someone came and blindfolded me again and took me to another place. He introduced himself as a "psychiatrist, Shlomo something."

He said: "You have to talk, Elias. Otherwise your mother will cry over you"—meaning that I was going to die—"and it's better that other mothers cry and not yours." He was speaking in Arabic.

He tried in this way to prod me into talking and find something to accuse me of. But he got nothing for me. I had nothing to say.

Then he said: "All right, so you don't want to talk."

The door opened, and in came three people carrying sticks.

One of the sticks was flat, another was square and the third was rounded. They asked me which one I wanted.

Then one of them said: "Oh no, we'll start with the flat one."

They threw me on the floor and grabbed my feet and started beating me. I didn't count, but it seemed like they hit me a thousand times.

Later they sent me back to my cell and said: "Go back and think about it, in a better way."

They came for me again during the night.

They said: "What do you think now, Elias?"

I told them: "What do you want me to tell you? Tell me what you want."

They said: "You know exactly what you have to say."

One of them ordered me again to take off my clothes. They sat me down in a chair and tied my hands behind it.

Then one of them took the square stick, and began beating me on my genitals. Afterwards, I was taken back to my cell.

The next day three soldiers came. They blindfolded me, put me in a car, and took me to an unknown destination.

The place was filled with the people. They put me in a hall there. It was very cold, and I had no heavy clothes. The door of the corridor was open, and a cold wind was blowing in.

I heard people screaming from pain. My eyes were still blindfolded, so I tried to peer out and see where I was.

I saw a lot of people walking into a large room. Later on, I realized this was the interrogation room.

They then took me into the room for questioning. A man began speaking to me from behind a screen; I didn't see his face.

He was talking about things I had never heard before. He was telling me I was a member of a Palestinian organization. This man whom I couldn't see was telling me he had trained me to use arms and other things.

I said: "I don't know any man. Can I see him?"

The Israeli said: "You can't see him. You have to talk."

Again, they started torturing me. They stripped me and began beating me.

Then they said: "This kind of treatment is not enough for you. We think we should take you to the Meat House."

They took me to a big room, like a butcher's room, with meat hooks suspended from the ceiling.



HUMAN RIGHTS: Describing the torture they endured in Israeli prisons are "Elias," the nickname of a Palestinian Arab who now lives in Chicago (right) and writer and poet Fouzi El Azzam, a Palestinian who now lives in Washington, D.C. (center) at a press conference in Washington, D.C. The conference was called by the Palestine Human Rights Committee to elaborate on the torture described in the Jerusalem cables of U.S. Foreign Service officer Alexander Johnson as reported in Washington Post. Dr. James Zogby, chairman of the PERC which is based in Washington, DC, is at left.....

They hung me up on one of these hooks and began beating me on my genitals again.

By this time, I had been under interrogation for ten days.

I spent three or four days there. Then I was taken to Ramallah prison. At that point, I thought the interrogation was over.

I spent two nights at Ramallah prison. Then at six in the morning, three guards came and call me out of the cell. They told me to bring all my things with me. Another prisoner said: "That's it. You're going to go home. You're free now."

I went to the prison administration office. They gave me back my identity card and my watch and other things had been confiscated. I really thought I was going home.

Then some soldiers came and bound my arms and legs and put me in a Land-Rover. I was lying on the floor, and there were six soldiers in the Land-Rover, three on each side, and their feet were on my back. It was a very long ride.

I could hear airplanes flying in the area, and I knew I was very far from Ramallah.

The soldiers put me in a very big cell with a tiny window in the door. They started questioning me again, and then they said: "That's not the way to question you. You have to go to The Cell."

They stripped me and carried me off to The Cell. All I can remember is that the floor was very rough. Every few hours someone would come and throw water on me. I couldn't sit on the floor, because I was naked, and it was very rough.

They tortured me continuously. Once they brought a bottle and shoved it up my rectum. They used it a lot with me.

They brought a written paper, and said: "You have to sign it. All these things you did—you were active with a Palestinian organization. you

were trained to use arms, everything is correct, you have to sign."

I was fed up and I told them: "Okay, if you want me to sign, I'll sign. I'm only a human being, made of flesh and blood."

So I signed it, and they took me to court. They sentenced me to nine months in prison. And I served the nine months.

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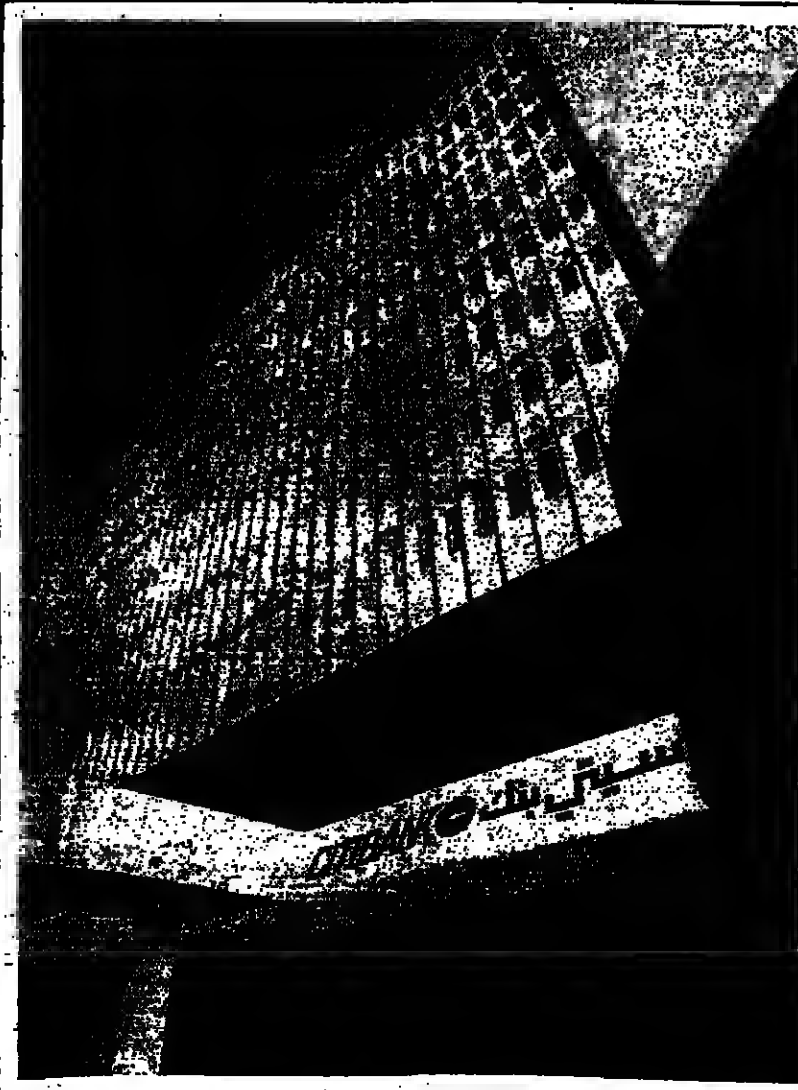
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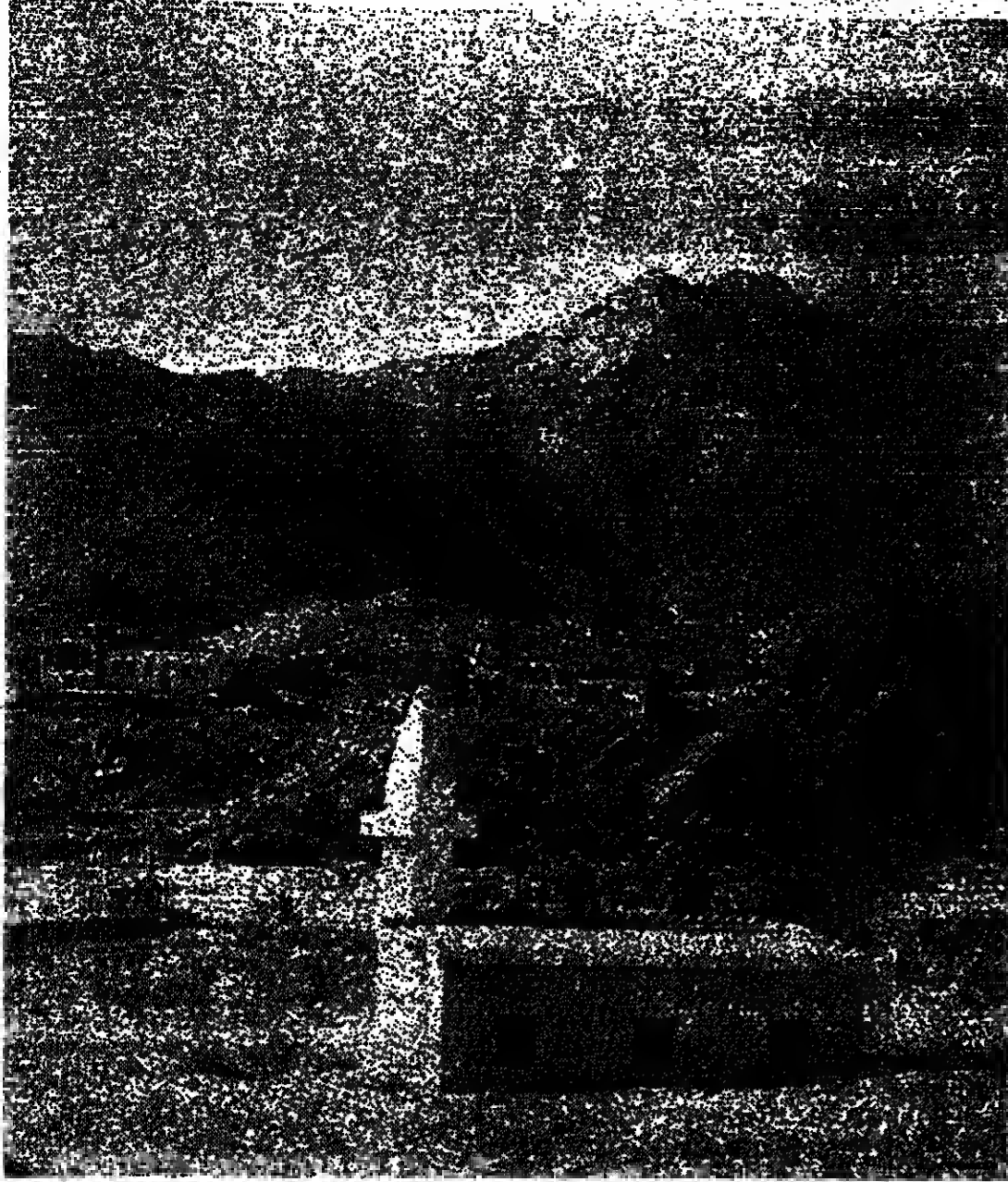


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An easy outing from Jeddah in the upper Wadi Fatima



BACKDROP: Deserted Turkish-style houses and the foothills of the Taif escarpment provide a backdrop to the tiny village of Madiq.

By Kamal Hassan
A day out from Jeddah need not always mean the Creek or the major expeditions to Taif. In the upper reaches of the Wadi Fatima are the villages of Zaymah and Madiq which can be reached in two hours. Everything needed for a picnic can be found in the well-stocked shops of Madiq, which is directly signed left off the main Jeddah-Mecca road after the village of Hadkhal.

There are three roast chicken shops, bread, fruit, dates and also gasoline.

On Fridays, Zaymah has the gayest, most lively atmosphere possible — approaching a Mediterranean *fiesta*. The little green village at the foot of the Mecca hills is a real resort — full of merry-makers whose high spirits are infectious.

A small mosque marks the approach. Running beside it are the clear waters which are the cause of Zaymah's popularity. A local lad will point out the source up a path where water wells up from beneath the rock. It is polluted, despite its general use for washing. Men and children splash and scrub all along the banks. Some even take the opportunity to wash trucks and cars by drawing buckets from the well. None of this soothes the waters. Small fish come about on the gravelly bed of the stream.

A main pathway leads away from the stream at right angles, bordered by the lush green of a banana grove. Here are little stalls for fruit and produce, selling tobacco and groceries. Behind these, under a shady awning, a party of

shisha-smokers may be comfortably settled, very tranquil and benevolent in the golden afternoon. The winter rains have cleared the atmosphere and the gardens and groves are washed clean.

Parties of young men hold open-air feasts of roast lamb and shawarma everywhere greet each other cheerfully.

The agreeable aspect of the village is in marked contrast with Doughty's unenthusiastic account of it in the last century. Despite the well of pure water, there was little cultivation as the irrigation channels had fallen into disrepair. But on this last leg of his weary two-year journey from Damascus to Jeddah, Doughty only just escaped with his life from the hand of a fanatic — which probably accounts for his dry description.

The oasis of Zaymah covers a wide area and touches the road to Madiq. This road branches off the principal highway two miles west of the Zaymah road. Both villages are well signed.

Madiq is tiny and stands at the end of a pretty hilly stretch of road. Its houses and their arched windows are unusual in these parts and are perhaps of Turkish origin. Perched on a steep hillside above the village mosque in the valley, these deserted buildings look like a painted backdrop. The surrounding hills begin to take on the grandeur of the craggy range that makes up the Taif escarpment.

To reach the green oasis of Zaymah, or Ain Al-Zaymah, the well of Zaymah, as Doughty knew it, one must turn west from Mecca to the northeast

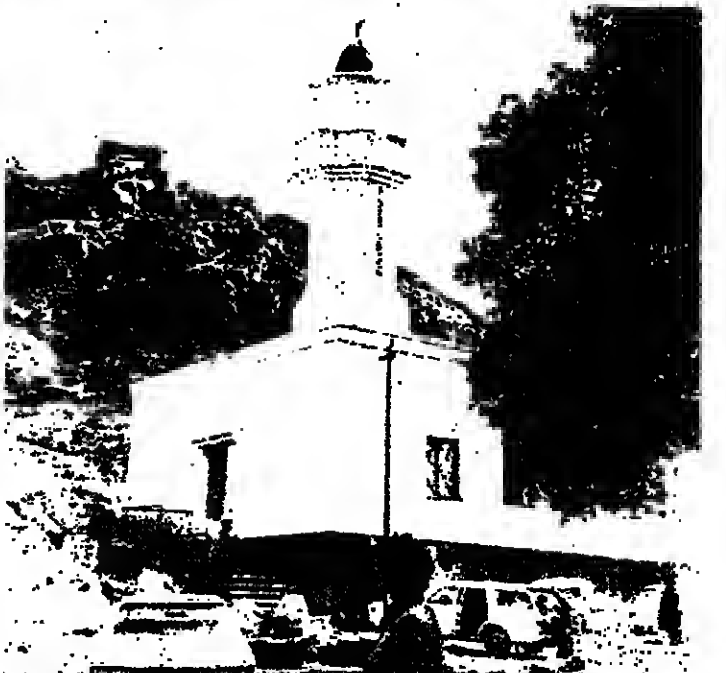


OPEN-AIR: Young men picnic on roast lamb among the plantains and greenery of Zaymah.

along the old road to Taif, in use until the escarpment road was finished in the 1960s.

At the crossroads in Jumum, turn right and drive east toward Mecca. Eight and a half kilometers from the Jumum gas station turn left onto a broad graded track.

On the right hand side of the road is a small white sign with blue lettering attached to a telegraph pole. On the left, the letters "S.I." are roughly painted in white. Follow the track for 22 kilometers, bearing right when in doubt, and noting the letters "S.I." once or twice. There is some attractive country along the way for picnics. When the asphalt Taif road is reached, turn right for Zaymah which is 37km. Further on, Nineteen km. before Zaymah is the village of Shariyat — worth pausing at for its tall and striking dove-cote standing amid green fields.



MOSQUE: A small mosque marks the approach to the village of Zaymah.

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Apparently from Red Brigades

Borg receives 2nd threat on his life

STOCKHOLM, March 2 (R) — Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg will not play tennis in Sweden this year after Thursday's apparent threat against his life by the Italian

Red Brigades terrorists, his trainer Lennart Bergelin said Thursday night.

But he will play in a tournament in Milan, next week despite the threat Bergelin said later.

Letters received Thursday by Stockholm's Royal Tennis Club, Reuter, Agence France Presse and the Swedish News Agency said 22-year-old Borg had been sentenced to death. Bergelin said the champion was "slightly shocked".

The letter, written in Swedish and English, also showed

a picture of him in Israeli army uniform.

The picture was taken when Borg and his American friend and fellow player Vilas Guerin visited Israel last autumn for an exhibition match. They put on Israeli army jackets at the photographer's request.

Bergelin said Borg had been threatened in a similar way when the pictures were published and both times the threat seemed to have originated in Stockholm.

The earlier threat, appar-

ently by telephone from Stockholm, came when he was in Milan, last October. He withdrew from that competition and had received no further threats until now, Bergelin said.

Stockholm police Thursday kept Borg under special watch during and after his training at the Royal Tennis Club.

"We don't know whether it is a hoax or a serious threat but we will investigate the matter," said Police Inspector Inge Reneberg. "Normally, we regard all such threats as serious."

Gottfried, Fleming enraged

Memphis tourney sees bitter scenes

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

—Third-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis dumped an enraged Peter Fleming and Sandy Mayer downed an equally angry Brian Gottfried to advance Thursday to the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 U.S. national indoor tennis championships.

Gerulaitis beat Fleming, 7-5, 6-4. Mayer was joined in the round by his younger brother, Gene, who easily defeated Frenchman Yannick Noan, 6-2, 6-2. Gene Mayer will play Arthur Ashe in the quarterfinals. Sandy Mayer will face defending champion Jimmy Connors.

Sandy Mayer, playing in just his second tournament since injuring his back at Christmas, beat No. 5 seed Gottfried, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

The Gerulaitis-Fleming match took a bitter turn as Gerulaitis broke Fleming's serve to go ahead 6-5 in the first set. Fleming, who had hit his backhand into the net to give Gerulaitis the game, slammed the ball with his racket so that it soared straight up above the court. Umpire Herb Kosen assessed Fleming a point penalty.



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Arguing Fleming immediately began arguing with the call and stalked the court, finally de-

manding that the tournament referee be called. Co-referee Frank Hammond said he did not believe the penalty was warranted, since Fleming had not intended and did not cause harm to anyone else. But Grand Prix four supervising referee Dick Robertson said the umpire had done correctly in the matter.

Fleming played angrily and well, but Gerulaitis found his form again and won the match.

The Mayer-Gottfried match also ended on a sour note when the chair umpire twice overruled service faults called by the line judge. The reverse calls visibly angered Gottfried.

"Why do we have to play with linecalls if you're going to call the shots?" Gottfried asked the chair umpire. England's Buster Mottram was to play Victor Amaya.

Navratilova, Evert destroy opponents in Dallas play

DALLAS, Texas, March 2 (AP) — Top-seeded Marti-

na Navratilova played almost flawless tennis Thursday to devastate Caroline Stoll, 6-0, 6-0, for her third win the \$200,000 women's professional tennis tournament here.

Chris Evert Friday put away Jean Kloss of South Africa, 6-1, 6-1, in her third test of the tournament. Evert also played a flawless first set and although her opponent straggled in the second, she could not match Evert's placement and service.

Navratilova, the top money winner of the 1978 pro tour, needed only 36 minutes to take the win and gain a berth in Friday's quarterfinals against Stacy Margolin.

"I feel I am getting better each day," said the Czech-born Navratilova, who now lives in Dallas. "I was happy with the way I played."

But she quickly added, "That doesn't mean I'll go all the way. At Los Angeles in an early match with Tracy Austin I didn't miss a shot, but lost in the finals to Chris (Evert)."

In eight tournaments this year, she has won in Oakland, Houston and Chicago, and was runner-up in Los Angeles and Washington. She currently leads the tour with earnings of \$130,000.

Her quarterfinals opponent, Margolin, defeated seventh-seeded Marise Kruger of South Africa, 6-1, 6-2.

Evert will meet Sue Barker of Great Britain in the quarterfinals. Barker ousted eighth-seeded Kathy May Teacher, 6-1, 6-2, in Thursday's play.

In another third-round match Thursday, Australian Dianne Fromholtz beat Rosie Casals, 6-3, 6-1.

Spain footballers resolve to strike

MADRID, March 2 (R) — Spanish professional footballers Thursday decided to stage a strike Sunday for social security benefits and freedom of contract.

The decision came after a two-hour meeting of the Players' Association Committee which had been expected to vote against the strike.

The players, from the first and second A and B Divisions, want access to the country's social security system and the right to leave clubs at the end of their contracts.

The Football Federation has said measures will be taken against the players but has not specified what these measures would be.

Connors fined \$250 for gesture at indoor event



CONNORS: Fined

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 2 (R) — American tennis star Jimmy Connors has been fined \$250 by a Grand Prix official for an obscene gesture during his match with Stan Smith in the U.S. Indoor Tennis championships here Wednesday night.

Dick Robertson, a Grand Prix tournament supervisor, imposed the penalty immediately after Connors beat Smith, 6-4, 6-1, in a third-round match.

"We're just trying to clean up the game," Robertson said. "On obscene gestures, it is just automatic."

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COLD: Adam Abelsen, 33, of Greenland became the new world champion in cold-water swimming last week in Denmark when he beat the old record of 530 meters by swimming 650 meters in 23 minutes. The only rule is that the water must be below two degrees centigrade above freezing point.

Confined to state

Las Vegas ban lacks WBA support

CARACAS, Venezuela,

March 2 (AP) — The president of the World Boxing Association, Fernando Mandry Galindez, said Thursday he does not support a suspension of light-heavyweight title challenger Victor Galindez of Argentina by the Nevada Athletic Commission.

The commission suspended Victor Galindez on the ground he refused to fight WBA champion Mike Rossman in Las Vegas for the title last Saturday because of a dispute over

the choice of officials.

"The suspension was ordered for 'failure to fulfill the contract,'" the commission said.

Mandry Galindez (no relation) said here that "Galindez, by not fighting last Saturday in Las Vegas, did so in compliance with WBA regulations."

The "Las Vegas Report" quoted Nevada Athletic Commission President Bob Shields as having said the sanction against the Argentine boxer was made with the support of the "WBA, the World Boxing

Council and all other boxing organizations."

"The fight was cancelled when the Commission refused to allow the WBA to designate two neutral judges, saying the Nevada body had the right to make the appointments."

Mandry Galindez said that Galindez's suspension only has effect in the state of Nevada. Earlier, he exonerated both Rossman and Galindez from any fault in their failure to fight and expressed hope the match would be rescheduled.

Albion drops Leeds from Cup

BIRMINGHAM,

March 2 (R) — Leeds — banned from playing at home — put up fight before it finally of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup to Bromwich Albion here day night.

West Bromwich won fourth round replay, extra time. They had advantage because imposed a ban on the Leeds' ground last year for crowd disturbances.

There were no goals in the 23rd minute of extra time when Albion captain Mick Statham, Andy Beckett through the defense on to get the second a from time.

West Bromwich is home to Southampton only outstanding fixture. The winner plays in the quarterfinals of 10.

Cubillas moves to MIAMI, Florida, 1 (AP) — The Fort Lauderdale Strikers announced the signing of Peru Cup soccer star Teofil Cubillas in what club Beau Rogers called a signing, over for his American Soccer League.

Cubillas, 29, was up to Pete as Most Player in the 1970 W in which he was the highest scorer with 11 goals in the 1978 W.

He will probably join Irving as a forward. Strikers, Coach Ron said.

"We are determined the Strikers at the NASL, and the sign Cubillas will go a long way toward ensuring our success."

"He's going to be a most exciting player this season," Rogers said. "We look for him to be one of the top goal scorers in the League."

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From ballerina to world high jumper, Sara Simeoni looks ever upward

By Nick Kotch

FORMIA, Italy, March 2 (R) — When she was a little girl in Julia's city of Verona, Sara Simeoni dreamed only of ballet.

Her dream faded as she grew taller and taller, but the idea of leaping, soaring through the air never left her.

Now, at 26, Sara Simeoni is the world high jump record holder. She can leap higher than any other woman in the world, higher than any ballerina, higher than the average front door.

"If someone had said to me, when I started at 12 years old, that one day I would jump over a bar 2.01 meters above the ground, I'd have laughed at them," she said at her training camp here, on the Mediterranean near Naples.

"I don't know how long my record will stand and I don't really care. I'm only concerned with my next ambition which is winning my first Olympic gold in Moscow next year — at whatever height."

How High

And how high will that be?

"Well, it's just speculation but I think whoever wins will have to do 2.05. When I saw the Russian, Yashchenko, lift the men's record to 2.35 meters I realized there were no limits."

It was in the northern Italian city of Brescia, on Aug. 4, 1978 that Simeoni broke the two-meter barrier in a minor

match against Poland.

Women jumpers had been threatening to achieve the feat for some months, particularly Simeoni's arch but friendly rival Rosi Ackermann of East Germany who had just reached 2.00 meters.

But it is a rainy night in Prague, a few weeks after her historic jump, that Simeoni remembers as literally the high point of her career.

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Pressure

"Everybody at home in Italy said they couldn't watch the television because the pressure was so unbearable," she recalled, her expressive and fire-boned face breaking into a smile.

"But I don't feel pressure, I never have. In Prague, I never thought I was going to lose."

The most disagreeable pressure, she says, has come from Italy's passionate sporting fans. They may treat second-raters like champions, but they turn genuine world beaters into gods.

"It's terrible. I'm virtually a prisoner here. If I go in the street, anywhere there's always a crowd. People stop me and stare, they shake my hands, they want pictures of me with their children. I just don't go out."

But there are compensations. Like the informal deal with FIAT that lets her drive around in a brand-new 132 diesel saloon, and offers the prospect of a public relations job when her jumping days are over.

Always

And always by her side, stands the tall figure of her fiancé and trainer, Ermine Azzaro.

A former high-jumper himself, he has guided Simeoni's career ever since 1971 when she decided to stop being just a good athlete and set out on the long road to becoming the best.

A few weeks after she arrived at the National Athletic Center here, she passed a personal test—crossing the bar at her height of 1.77 meters.

Earlier, she had been among the first Italians to adopt the backward 'flop' style novelled by American Dick Fosbury

at the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

She remembers the agonizing hours spent getting the method right: the tense rocking on the heels, the high-stepping approach run, and in the spring-heeled launch almost under the bar.

"I've got a little tend on trouble at the moment, so my training is just running and exercises."

Push

"But when I jump in training I never push myself. I know I can do 1.95 any time I want, but records are made in competition. When I go to Moscow next summer I won't know what I'm capable of, and nor will the others."

Formia, with its dry and sunny climate — it hasn't snowed since 1906 — is her base for two-thirds of the year.

But she says she gets bored easily and likes to train abroad whenever possible. In January she went to Jamaica with a party of Italy's best young athletes and with Azzaro, who trains all the top high-jumpers.

Most of March will be spent in California training at San Diego and San Jose Universities. After a brief visit home, Simeoni hopes to take part in international meetings in Cuba and Jamaica next May.

"The whole program is geared for Moscow," she explained as she enjoyed a raid on her small daily cigarette ration.

Agreement is signed

Los Angeles at last gets 1984 Olympics

LOS ANGELES, March 2

(AP) — Mayor Tom Bradley made no attempt to hide his pleasure over Thursday's official award of the 1984 Olympics to Los Angeles, but he immediately turned his thoughts to the 5½ years the city now has to prepare for the games.

"I'm elated after such a long, tortuous series of negotiations. The final contract now confirms my optimism," Bradley said. "It just means a new set of problems and challenges that Los Angeles, and the organizing committee in particular, will have to deal with."

Nearly a year of tough negotiations came to a happy end for Bradley and members of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee when the final, formal contract was signed in Lausanne, Switzerland.

While Bradley said he never lost hope, he remembered a day last summer when he advised the city council to forget about it.

"But that was only momentary," the mayor said. "I had hardly spoken when I got a

telex from (IOC President) Lord Killanin advising us to continue our efforts."

"It was not a matter of giving up hope, it just looked as though it was impossible to reach agreement at that point. From that time on things began to look very hopeful and we finally have come to this day where the agreement is signed by all parties."

The main reason it took so long for the IOC to award the games to Los Angeles was the city's stance on financial liability.

"There's no question that our conditions that the city taxpayers not be financially liable was satisfied by the agreement between the parties," said Bradley. "I think it's important to Los Angeles and other cities which might be interested in the future."

The agreement provides that all financial liability for the games will be absorbed by the private local committee and the United States Olympic Committee.

"It was a sensible approach, one which I'm pleased the IOC has agreed to. It will make a difference to other cities around the world which might be concerned about possible large deficits."

Indonesia bids

to bring end to badminton row

KUALA LUMPUR, March 2

(R) — Indonesia has appealed to Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand grouped in the breakaway World Badminton Federation (WBF) to take part in the badminton events of the Southeast Asian Games in Jakarta next September.

All-Indonesia Badminton Federation Secretary R. Moedjono said in Penang Thursday that for reasons of friendship and goodwill these WBF members should not snub Indonesia and boycott the games' badminton events sanctioned by the rival International Badminton Federation (IBF).

Several Asian and African countries formed the WBF in 1977 after a dispute over mainland China's admission to the IBF.

Moedjono said it was only logical that Indonesia as an IBF member should get the IBF to sanction the games' badminton championships. WBF members have proposed that they should not take part in the games as they no longer recognize the IBF.

"The IBF-WBF split should not be allowed to disrupt the solidarity and friendship of the competitors held in this region," he said.

If WBF Members carry out their boycott threat, the games badminton competition could end up with only Indonesia and Malaysia still members of the IBF as participants.

Australia takes

18th squash title

LONDON, March 2 (R) —

Barbara Wall maintained Australia's 18-year unbroken grip on the British Women's Open Squash Championship when she beat Britain's Sue Cogswell 8-10, 6-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-3, in a 50-minute final here Thursday night.

Australian Heather McKay held the crown for 16 years running. Sue King won last year and now the 30-year-old Perth professional has extended the run.

Britain's top professional, like Wall a previous finalist, suffered a bad attack of nerves. She spent most of the day in bed and her problems became apparent as she needed to recover from 2.7 down to win the opening game.

She took the second before her nerves gave out again.

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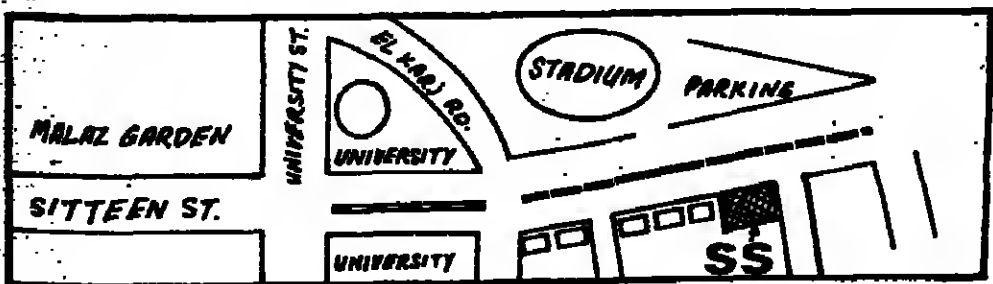
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APPEAL: Pakistani slip fender Zahoor Abbas (holding ball) appeals for dismissal of New Zealanders John Reid along with, (from left) Mushaq Mohammad, Wasim Bari and Javed Miandad in last week's Test match. After deliberation, Reid was given out for 19.

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Latest economic statistics say

U.S. reports suggest recession

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R)—Fears of an economic recession in the United States later this year have been raised by the latest batch of statistics published by the U.S. government.

The government Thursday reported that its index of leading indicators, statistical predictions which lay out future economic trends, registered its highest drop in four years last

month.

The index fell by 1.2 per cent, its third consecutive monthly decline, and economists said this was the strongest indication yet that a recession was likely later in the year.

In the past, three or more consecutive months of decline in the index have provided the warning signals that a down-

turn in the economy lies ahead.

The January decline, reported by the Commerce Department, was the largest since a three per cent drop in January 1975. It follows falls of 0.1 per cent in December and 0.4 per cent in November.

The index tracks 12 key parts of the economy, including the average length of the work week, the rate at which factories lay off workers, new orders for plant and equipment, housing and the supply of money in the system.

In January, five of the components declined and five increased. Two were not yet available.

The index has a good record of forecasting economic trends. It started to decline in July 1973, predicting the last recession by about four months, and then started to increase strongly in March of 1975, signaling the end of the recession.

Two factors involved in the

January decline were a fall in money supply, caused by a restrictive policy designed to fight inflation, and a drop in the issue of building permits. The supply of money is crucial in determining the level of business activity. When money is freely available, business can expand, but when it becomes too easy to obtain, then expansion plans have to be shelved.

The number of building permits issued determines the level of new construction in the months ahead. When they decline, it signals a slowdown in the housing industry, one of the nation's basic industries.

Presidential press secretary Jody Powell told reporters later that the decline in the index was consistent with the White House view that there would be an economic slowdown but no recession.

But in a separate report, the Commerce Department said spending on construction projects fell by a substantial 3.5 per cent during January, more evidence of a decline in the U.S. building industry.

Wall Street gains ground throughout Thursday sales

NEW YORK, March 2 — The market opened in positive territory and gained ground throughout Thursday. New York City bank loans rose \$168 million for the week ending Wednesday, while the nation's commercial banks averaged net borrowed reserves of \$794 million for the same period.

At the close the Dow-Jones Industrial Average was up 7.02, transports rose 2.15 and utilities up .81. Volume of trading was 24 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers by a 2 to 1 margin. The amex up 1.53.

Growth and glamour issues advanced with Smithline up 1 to 88 1/2, Revlon up 3/4 to 48 3/8, IBM added 1/2 to 301, Kodak gained 1 to 60 5/8, Motorola up 5/8 to 36 7/8 and Tandy rose 1 1/4 to 23 3/4.

Energy issues gained ground with Phillips up 1/2 to 33 3/8, Standard of Indiana up 3/4 to 54 3/4, Exxon rallied 1/2 to 49 3/4, Schlumberger added 1/2 to 97 1/4 and Mopco gained 3/4 to 29 1/8.

Among the basic industry issues, Crayter Tech up 1/2 to 25 1/2, U.S. Steel up 1/4 to 23 DuPont up 1 1/8 to 130 1/2, Intl Paper gained 1 3/4 to 41 3/4 and Lone Star added 3/4 to 22 1/8.

Auto and machinery issues advanced with American Motors up 1/2 to 6 5/8, GM added 1/2 to 54 1/8 Ford rose 5/8 to 41 3/4 and Ingersoll Rand up 3/4 to 49 1/8.

Among aerospace, airlines and rails, Boeing up 1 5/8 to 64 1/4, Northrop up 1 to 33 1/4, Delta added 3/4 to 37 5/8, Burlington Northern up 1 to 39 1/2 and Southern added 1 1/2 to 50.

(Supplied by Merrill Lynch International)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	S.A.M.A. rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.79	6.80	6.82
Deutsche Mark	1.81	182.50	183.00
Swiss F	2.00	203.00	203.25
French F	0.78	79.25	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	0.40	4.05	4.05
Lobanese Lira (100)	—	107.50	107.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.75	86.65
Egyptian Pound	—	4.53	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.28
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	27,200	—
10 Tola bar	—	3,210	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.64	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.84	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

S.A.M.A. rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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Court told of U.K.-Israel bank scandal

LONDON, March 2 (R) — The British chairman and two directors of the Israel-British Bank, which crashed in 1975, used it as their own creak, or gold, London's Central Criminal Court has heard.

Prosecuting counsel Thursday told the court that Chairman Harry Landy had an interest-free overdraft of \$2 million when the bank collapsed with a deficiency of \$40 million.

Landy, former director Charles Kaye and Arthur White, and auditor Peter Lynn, all deny conspiracy to defraud in connection with the running of the bank between 1968 and 1975.

In 1927, the Israeli director of the bank, Yehoshua Ben-Sion, was convicted in Tel Aviv of fraud totalling \$47 million. He was jailed for 12 years but served only two before being released because of alleged ill health.

Saudis took \$322m Taiwan goods in 1978

Special to "Arab News" — Saudi Arabia is Taiwan's biggest trade partner in the Middle East, the Taiwanese Central News Agency has reported.

Taiwanese exports to Saudi Arabia in 1978 totalled \$322 million, while imports from the Kingdom came to \$636.1 million, the agency reported.

According to the agency, two-way trade between Taiwan and the Middle East rose 23.6 per cent in 1978, to \$2.2 billion. It quoted a Ministry of Economic Affairs spokesman here last week as saying total Taiwanese exports to the Middle East in 1978 were \$625.4 million, while imports from the area totalled \$1.6 billion.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard	Building of offices, bathrooms and eating places at the command buildings in Dammam	6-98/99	3000	Mar. 19
Municipality of Medina	Numbering and naming of roads	xx	1000	Mar. 31
Armed Forces Medical Services	Furniture and office equipment	2	200	Apr. 7
Directorate of Education, Qatif	Military requirements	3	100	April 10
Directorate of Education, Jauif	Repairs to a rural school	xx	100	Mar. 10
Directorate of Agriculture and Water, Western Province	Building of seven rural schools	98/99	300	Mar. 31
Ministry of Communications	Drinking water network in Mastura town on Medina highway	xx	1000	Mar. 13
" "	Constructing of a road stretch three kilometers long in Jizan district	xx	2000	Mar. 26
" "	Constructing of the north-eastern portion of the Ring Road in Riyadh, together with illumination	xx	5000	April 14



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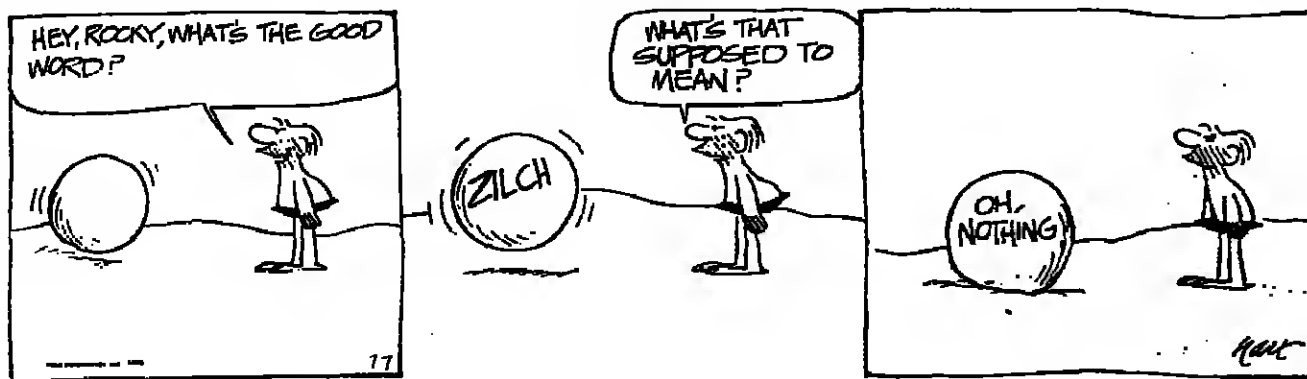
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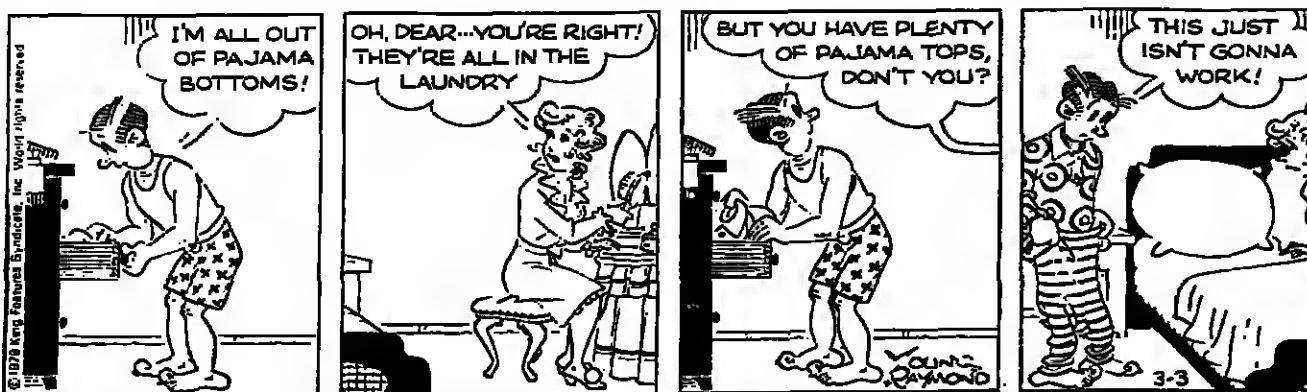
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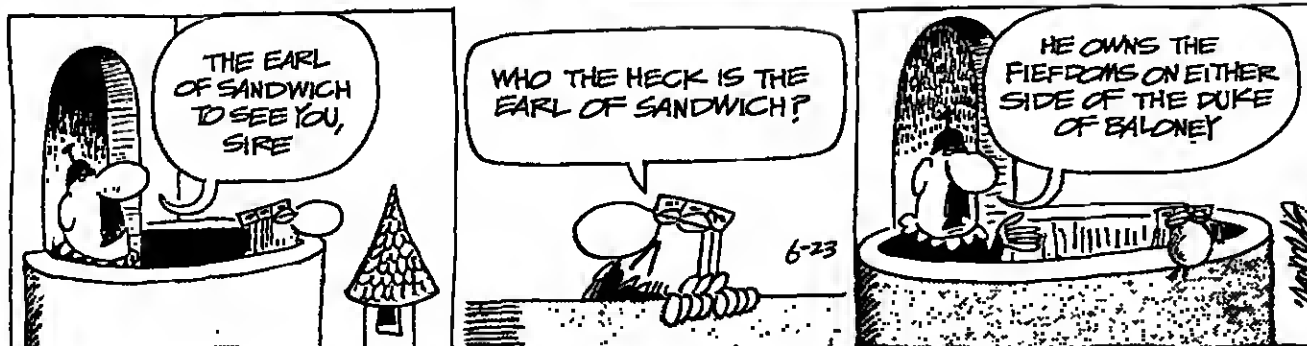
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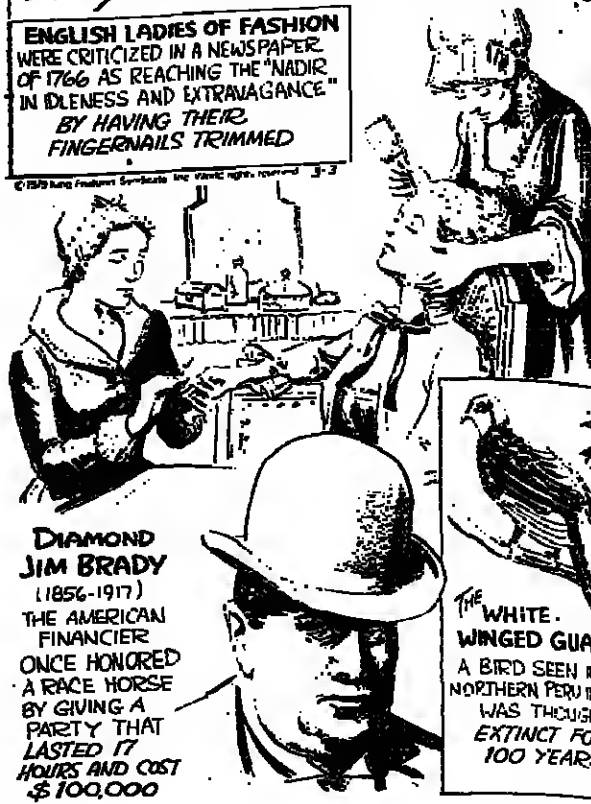


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLSAAXE
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Simple letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

HAF POOPRVP YS GESP VYR-
OEONO ER GYRIERI SYC

WYCP GESP - IYCI OEWVPC

Saturday's Cryptquote: WISE PEOPLE MAY SAY WHAT THEY WILL BUT ONE PASSION IS NEVER CURED BY ANOTHER - LORD CHESTERFIELD

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
AKQJ54
AK732
Q84WEST
AKQJ3
AK752
C-10
AK10976532EAST
AK7552
AK1082
QJ5
AJSOUTH
AKJ104
AK1082
QJ5
AJ

The bidding:

South West North East

3 NT 4 4 4 4

Opening lead - king of spades.

Psychics generally lose more points than they gain, but occasionally they produce a sensational triumph. This famous hand features a successful psychic by Harold Ogunst in the U.S.-Great Britain match in 1968.

Ogunst was North and was playing with Howard Schenken against Britain's Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro. Schapiro bid one heart and Schapiro overcalled two clubs.

At this point Ogunst made the highly irregular bid of two notrump, deliberately suppressing his marvelous trump support for partner in order to create the impression that he had an everyday notrump type of hand.

Reese, gazing at his mind in chills, elected to pass, and Schenken - unaware of the true nature of Ogunst's two notrump bid - raised his partner to three notrump. Schapiro, his eye on the vulnerability, now bid four clubs, knowing that he could not be seriously hurt by his eight-card suit.

Ogunst then bid four hearts. Reese, having been silent up to this point, doubled - partly on his two aces and partly because Schapiro had contracted for ten tricks all by himself. Everybody passed, and Schenken made the contract with an overtrick.

Ogunst obviously took the opponents by surprise. Moreover, his strategy proved to be phenomenally successful when later analysis revealed that East-West could have made a grand slam in spades against any defense!

The British pair must have done something wrong. Maybe East should have bid three spades over two notrump, or four spades over four hearts. Or maybe West should have bid four spades over four hearts doubled.

But regardless of who was at fault, there is no doubt that Ogunst's two notrump bid was magnificently timed. Measured by the outcome, his psychic was a scintillating success.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:29	6:46	12:40	4:02	6:29	7:59
Medina	5:31	6:46	12:42	4:02	6:28	7:58
Nejd	4:59	6:18	12:10	3:30	5:57	7:27

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Electric Co. No. 410, Story Theater: Three Wishes Breakdown
6:30 Emergency	The Return Of The Incredible Hulk
7:25 Incredible Hulk	Hulk
8:36 Maude	Maude's Mother
9:22 All You Need Is Love	EP 16
10:12 The Avengers	K-Is For Killing Part I

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours.
Low and medium clouds over the northern region and parts of the central region will offer chances of sporadic showers. A gradual rise in the temperature is expected over the central and northeastern regions, while the surface winds will blow southerly over the central and northern regions raising dust and sands occasionally.

Sea conditions will be moderate in the territorial waters.					
Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)					
Mecca	37	26	Tabuk	26	18
Jeddah	32	22	Al-Jauf	23	08
Riyadh	27	11	Arar	21	09
Dhahran	23	11	Bisha	32	13
Medina	31	20	K. Mesheh	26	09
Tai	30	16	Ahta	25	09

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com. & Reflections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:15 Mood Music
3:40 Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:50 Close Down	
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion: Analyses	America: Science: Cultural: Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English:	
News: Feature: The Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA:	
(Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup:	
Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Treasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on King-on
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	6:00 Radio Newscast
News Summary	6:15 Outlook
8:30 Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:30 Commemorative
9:00 Newsdesk	7:45 "Snodcock Holmes"
9:30 Opera Star	7:50 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	8:09 Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 Luke One
10:30 Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 "Something to Snow You"	9:00 World News
	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newscast
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming world
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News Summary
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:30 Stock Market Report
12:00 World News	10:45 Look Ahead
12:09 British Press Review	10:55 Ulster in Focus
12:15 World Today	11:00 World News
12:30 Financial News	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:40 Look Ahead	News Summary
12:45 The Tony Myall Request Show	11:30 The Treasure's Yours
	12:15 Talkabout
Evening Transmission	12:45 Nature
1:15 Ulster in Focus	Notebook
1:30 Discovery	1:00 World News
2:00 World News	1:09 World Today
2:09 News about Britain	1:25 Financial News
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Coros	1:35 Book Choice
2:30 Sports International	1:40 Reflections
2:40 Radio Newscast	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:15 Promenade Concert	2:00 World News
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:09 Commemorative
4:00 World News	2:15 The Face of England
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23)

You'll impress others more with your ideas than your charm. Avoid misunderstandings with close friends about money and mutual assets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You could be impressed by the sound of your own voice now. Don't waste words and be a good listener. Let reason prevail in close ties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 31)

A gun-bug attitude could cause you to overstep and to neglect your physical well-being. Partnership matters should go well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Romantic matters will go better if you're less romantic and more level-headed. The accent is on sharing thoughts rather than gushing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Domestic matters may not go as planned, but financial prospects are looking up. Avoid carelessness with health and diet.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Don't spread yourself too thin at a social function. Double-check travel plans and appointments. Heart to heart talks go well.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Financial matters are topsy-turvy now. Decisions about domestic matters should be made with the head and not the heart.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You're subject to flattery now. Be level-headed when making decisions. Downplay ego in relationships with others. Avoid touchiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A time to be forthright. Financial matters go well, but your love life may suffer if you play your cards too close to your chest.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

A day to distinguish between real and transitory values when shopping. Your good taste may leave you, if you don't watch it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

Self-indulgent behavior could lead to a health upset. Know your own limitations. Domestic matters are unsettling. Seek privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

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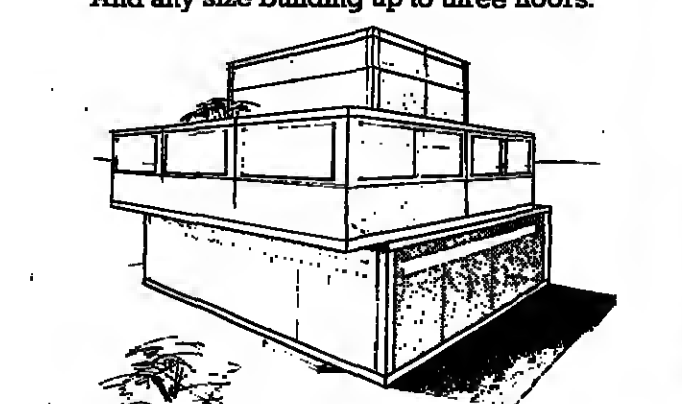
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International

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Welsh reject home rule

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Wales has overwhelmingly rejected a referendum offer of more limited home rule, but the outcome in Scotland hung in the balance Friday.

Early results from Thursday's vote showed that a majority was building up in Scotland in favour of setting up an assembly to make control of most local affairs from Parliament in London.

But it appeared unlikely to reach the target figure set by Parliament of 1,498,845 votes—40 per cent of the electorate.

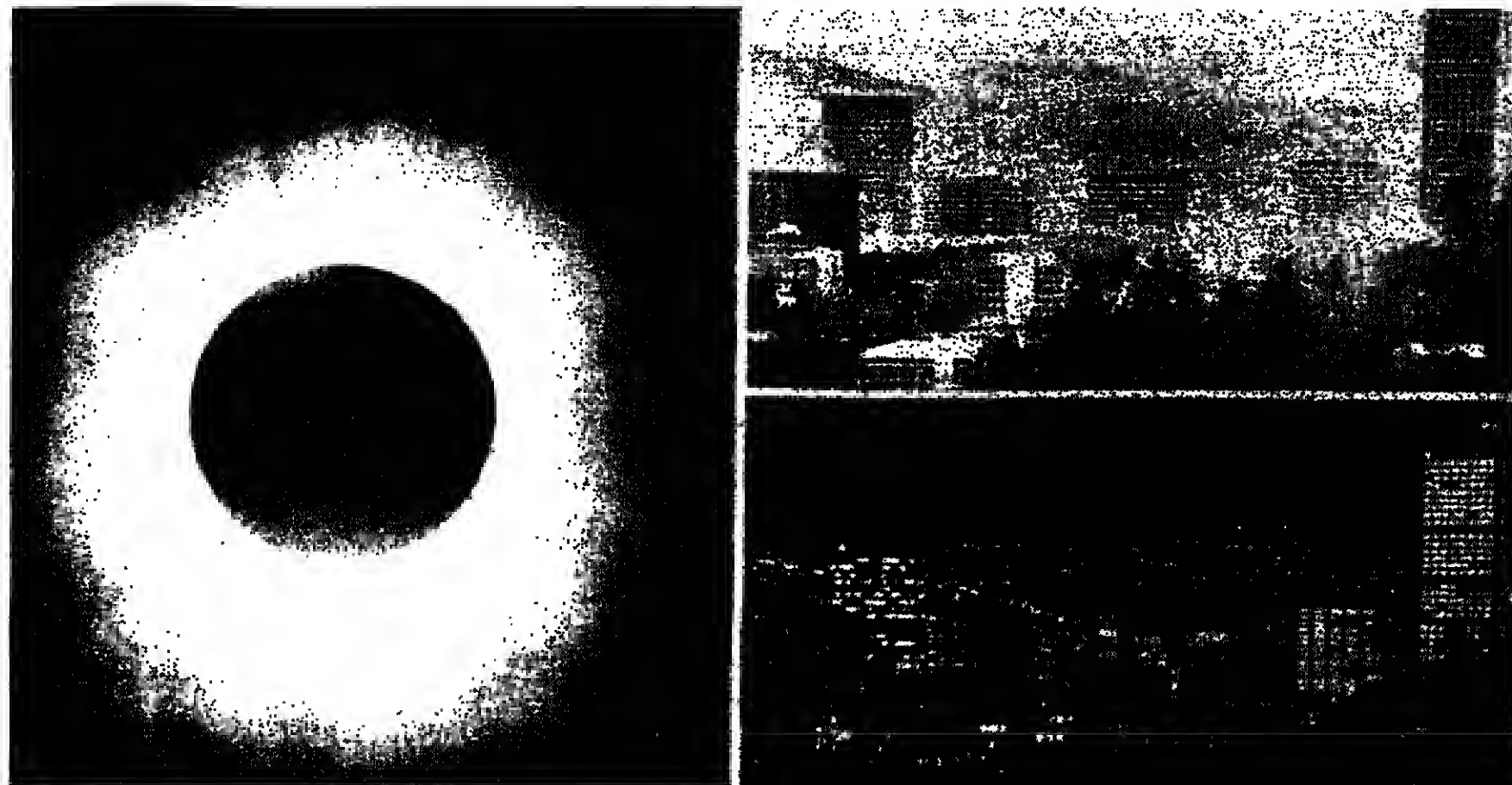
It seemed the outcome could pose a dilemma for Prime Minister James Callaghan, already reeling from two by-election flattenings (see story page five).

Wales contemptuously dismissed the chance of setting up its own assembly in Cardiff. In some areas the vote was the ten one against the scheme and even in Welsh-speaking nationalist districts the idea was rejected by two to one.

But a survey conducted by Independent Television News during voting in Scotland Thursday predicted a clear "yes" majority would emerge there.

The government's chief counting officer, John Fraser, announced that in the remote Western Isles off the northwest coast 6,218 voted for "devolution," as home rule is known, and 4,933 against.

In the southwestern farmlands of Dumfries and Galloway, the trend was dramatically reversed — 40,239 against, 27,162 for.



DARKNESS AT NOON: At left, the full eclipse of the sun as seen from Starbuck, Manitoba, west of Winnipeg, Monday. The moon covered the disc of the sun, and the sun's corona was seen for more than two minutes. At right is Portland, Oregon, minutes before and during the eclipse. (AP photos.)

Brezhnev denunciation of Peking undramatic

Vietnamese reject Chinese offer of talks

BANGKOK, March 2 (Agencies) — Vietnam Friday described China's offer of negotiations to end the two-week-old war between the two neighbors as an attempt to cover up an intensification of the war.

Radio Hanoi, in a direct reply to China's Foreign Ministry note to the Vietnamese Embassy in Peking Thursday night, repeated earlier statements that all Chinese troops must be withdrawn.

"China must withdraw all its aggressive troops from Vietnam and undertake to respect Vietnam's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. This is an unchanged principle," it said.

"As long as the Peking authorities continue their aggression on Vietnam and Chinese troops keep trampling on Vietnam's independence and sovereignty, all what is called

negotiations are but deceit."

But Vietnam claimed Friday that its troops killed almost 2,500 Chinese soldiers in fighting around the key provincial capital of Lang Son which, intelligence sources said, Peking's forces have virtually encircled.

An official Vietnamese broadcast indicated that the Chinese held at least some of the high ground near Lang Son, the historic gateway to China, when it described fighting Thursday.

The voice of Vietnam claimed Hanoi's troops killed 1,000 Chinese and destroyed five tanks on four hills seven kilometers north of Lang Son and 1,370 Chinese at two villages and three hills 20 kilometers to the southeast.

Intelligence sources here said the Chinese appear to have cut the major roads from Lang Son — Highway Four northwest and southeast of Lang Son and Highway 1A to the southwest. Highway 1A connects with Hanoi, 130 kilometers to the southeast on Vietnam's northern plain.

They said Lang Son itself had not been captured and one analyst speculated that the Chinese troops might be too vulnerable to Vietnamese attacks and shelling from the nearby high-

ground if they seized the city.

And in Moscow, Friday, President Leonid Brezhnev denounced the Peking leaders as treacherous and aggressive and declared their policies presented the number one danger to world peace.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a rally, he also demanded that China immediately withdraw all forces from Vietnam. But he gave no indication of any Soviet action if Peking did not comply.

But he fundamentally followed the lines of earlier Soviet commentaries and took an even less dramatic approach than some of his senior colleagues.

He did not repeat a warning issued by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko earlier this week that Peking should pull back "before it is too late" — perhaps reflecting a growing Soviet conviction that China did not intend to move beyond Vietnamese border areas.

Brezhnev described the move into Vietnam two weeks ago as "an unprecedented, bandit attack" by which the Peking leaders "have finally unveiled before the whole world the treacherous, aggressive essence of their great-power policy."

"Our friendship with fraternal

Vietnam has been tested by deeds for many years. In this difficult hour for the Vietnamese people, we are in complete solidarity with them," he said.

"And no-one should have any doubt: the Soviet Union is true to the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation that binds our countries together," he added.

The Bangkok analysts said a lull in the fighting also appeared to have set in around two other northeastern provincial capitals, Cau Bang and Mong Cai, and there were no reports of major activity in other provinces.

They said the next move may be up to the Vietnamese, who might throw regular army units into the fray in an attempt to dislodge the Chinese.

Fears of new fighting

Saudis prepare to leave east Beirut

BEIRUT, March 2 (NYT) — Saudi troops who have been serving as a buffer between Syrian soldiers and Lebanese militiamen here are preparing to return home on Saturday, and Lebanese officials expressed fears that a new round of fighting might result.

The officials spoke as a rightist representative declared that the militia groups were prepared to take over the Saudi positions if security was insufficient.

Saudi Arabia decided Wednesday to withdraw its soldiers in

the Arab peacekeeping force here as part of a general military alert in response to the fighting between North and South Yemen, which has ties with the Soviet Union. Also as a result of the fighting, Foreign Ministers of Arab League countries have been called to Kuwait on Sunday to discuss the situation. (See story page one.)

The Arab peacekeeping force was formed to maintain order after the 1975-76 civil war in Lebanon. The Saudi troops in it hold sensitive positions in the

eastern suburbs of Beirut separating the Syrians and the militia groups.

The militia units have been demanding the withdrawal from Lebanon of the 30,000 Syrian soldiers who form the backbone of the deterrent force. The militia groups and the Syrians have clashed frequently during the last year.

Three Saudi transport planes arrived at Beirut Airport Wednesday night to begin ferrying the troops back on Saturday. Three more were expected Friday.

From page one

Western

Meanwhile Documents detailing payments to prominent Americans from the deposed government of the Shah have been returned to Tehran and will not be made public, a spokesman in Washington for Khomeini said.

Shahriar Rouhani refused at a press conference to discuss the alleged payments, which were said to have been discovered in the files of the previous ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi.

Former Senator James Abourezk, who is looking after Iranian interests in Washington,

said he had seen the documents and that they detailed widespread payments from the Shah's government to prominent Americans, including members of Congress and the press.

The former senator said the new government did not intend to publish the evidence or to identify those who received the alleged payments.

Rouhani said Thursday, under instructions of my government I have forwarded physical possession of all such documents to Tehran and I no longer have any

of them in my possession."

Discussing other matters, Rouhani reiterated that the new government would close down all military intelligence posts belonging to foreign governments and was likely to ask for the removal off all foreign military advisers from Iran.

He also said the Khomeini government intended to bypass the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) but said no decision has yet been made whether Iran would withdraw from the consortium.

Ceasefire

warned that Soviet or Cuban involvement in the fighting "would be a serious mistake."

A Foreign Office statement said, "It is not clear whether there has been involvement by Russians or Cubans in the latest fighting."

Both countries, it added, provide training and logistic backup for South Yemen. London sources said the Soviet Union has some 400 advisers, including military personnel, in the South, and Cuba has 300, some of them military. East Germany, these

sources say, has a small number of internal security specialists in the country.

The Foreign Office said Britain has been in touch with Saudi Arabia about the Yemen fighting, and, "we share their concern for stability in the region."

Barzani

It was the end of nearly 14 years sporadic fighting against the tanks and planes of the powerful Iraqi armed forces.

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Naif

alleged to have told the police that Col. Abdul-Razzaq Naif, 44, who was Iraqi Premier briefly in 1968, was a traitor to the Palestinian cause.

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